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CHAMBERLAIN SHOULD BOW TO WILL OF COUNTRY IS DEMAND OF THE NEWS-CHRONICLE: STRONG

ONLY FACTS WILL BREAK SILENCE OF MUSSOLINI

ROME, May 9 (Reuters)—Signor Mussolini, addressing a large crowd from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia on the occasion of Italy's Empire Day, said: "Having heard my speeches you must accuse yourself to my silence for only facts will break it."
He added: "The great day in the history of our empire was May 9, 1936, the day of a brilliant victory."
The crowds cheered themselves hoarse and shouts of Tunisia and Corsica could be heard from the military groups.

PEACE OFFER DENIED

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuters)—The Washington correspondent of the New York Times says that White House, on the authority of President Roosevelt, denied the report that the President has made a peace offer to Signor Mussolini, in the nature of a feeler, suggesting mediation.

FOREIGN PRESS SAY VOTE WAS MORAL DEFEAT

A Reuters message from Rome states that Empire Day in Italy relegated foreign news to the back pages but Rome's two morning papers devoted many columns to the Commons debate. The vote is described as "a moral defeat for Chamberlain."

Newspapers in Stockholm devoted much space to the debate and the general opinion is that Mr. Chamberlain will not survive the storm.

A message from Amsterdam states that commentators in Berlin were jubilant yesterday at the smallness of Mr. Chamberlain's majority vote.

It appears highly probable that Britain's political troubles will be taken by Hitler to indicate that the time is ripe for fresh aggressive enterprises against "effete democracies."

"Moral defeat for Chamberlain" was how yesterday's Algemeen Handelsblad headed its front page on the Commons debate. That headline was echoed in other newspapers, reports Reuters from Amsterdam.

BOUQUETS FROM GERMANY!

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuters)—The first German newspapers arriving here yesterday carried brief reports of Mr. Chamberlain's speech. Some of the adjectives they apply to it are "lame, lying, and cowardly."

Sterlet And Tarpon Casualties

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters)—The Admiralty has published a list of six officers and 35 ratings missing from H.M. submarine Sterlet and five officers and 48 ratings missing from H.M. submarine Tarpon.

Both submarines have already been reported overdue and are believed to be lost.

The Tarpon was commanded by Lieut.-Commander H. J. Caldwell and the Sterlet by Lieut.-Commander C. H. S. Haward.

CABINET NEEDED WITHOUT DELAY

THE NEWS-CHRONICLE DEMANDS THAT MR. CHAMBERLAIN, PRIME MINISTER, SHOULD BOW TO THE WILL OF THE COUNTRY AND THAT A NEW AND STRONG GOVERNMENT, REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL PARTIES, BE FORMED WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAY.

THE DAILY MAIL says the demand now is for Government reconstruction and it must be met. The country wants a new team.

THE DAILY HERALD says Mr. Chamberlain has worked hard and selflessly. He has done his best for us but we have reached the stage at which his best will not do.

British Wireless goes on to say that newspaper comment, not only in Britain, but in Allied and neutral countries, and even more notably in Germany itself, has been quick to realise that the real significance of the two days debate in the House of Commons is that intensification of Britain's war effort will result.

PREMIER CONSULTS ADVISERS

General Debate After May 21

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters)—Mr. Chamberlain had a busy morning. He did not have his usual work but spent the morning at No. 10 Downing Street consulting with his advisers, among whom was Lord Halifax, the Foreign Minister. Great crowds cheered as he departed for Parliament which met for a hour before the adjournment for the Whitsun recess.

Mr. Chamberlain answered a number of questions in the House of Commons and declared that he was prepared to have a general debate on the situation after May 21, but assured that, if necessary, the House would be called together by the Speaker before that date.

Nazis Rush Fresh Troops To North Norway

STOCKHOLM, MAY 9 (REUTERS)—THREE OR FOUR GERMAN TRANSPORT PLANES ARE RUSHING FRESH TROOPS AND SUPPLIES ALL DAY TO NORTH NORWAY, according to the Svenska Dagbladet.

The newspaper says that the Germans landed parachute troops north of Bardu, 35 miles north-east of Narvik, in order to strike the Norwegian forces in the rear.

It says that German air activity has increased further and is continually bombing the Allied while small R.A.F. units are bombing the German positions at Narvik.

The newspaper adds that the entire railway from Narvik to the Swedish frontier is still in German hands.

FURTHER LANDINGS

PARIS, May 9 (Reuters)—Further landings have taken place in Norway and the operations are continuing slowly but normally, it is stated in French military circles.

Contact has been made at all points with the Germans at Narvik who, though resisting, are gradually withdrawing before the Allied pressure.

Appalling weather conditions, and poor communications, are

NATIONAL ECONOMY SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

For the purpose of supervising and directing the promotion of the national economy savings campaign, and the selling of the national economy savings certificates issued by the Chinese Postal Remittances and Savings Bank, the Hongkong Branch of the National Economy Commission will be formally inaugurated today.

Headed by Mr. Sung Han-chang, General Manager of the Bank of China, and Mr. Kwok Chan, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 21 members of the commission will hold their first meeting at the Chinese Merchants Library, Bank of Canton Building, tomorrow afternoon. General Wu Te-chen, Minister of the Overseas Board of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, who is in Hongkong and unable to attend, will appoint a representative to be present at the meeting.

According to Mr. Hsu Chieh-chang, deputy director general of the Chinese Postal Bank, the sale of the savings certificates in Hongkong has been very successful. Various Chinese banks and department stores are acting as local sales agents for these certificates.

OPPOSITION TACTICS

There is some division of opinion in the British press regarding the tactics of the Opposition in pressing the debate to a division but none on this major question.

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WILL SOON BE OBLIGED TO RESIGN

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuters)—The general impression, following the Commons vote, both in the press and in radio broadcasts is that Mr. Chamberlain will soon be obliged to resign unless he can form a Coalition Ministry, but this is regarded as unlikely.

The New York Times writes: "Mr. Chamberlain's Government has won an uneasy reprieve after Parliamentary batterings, more violent than any in its life and more severe than any of its kind in the last war."

MORE MEN CALLED TO COLOURS

Over 2 Million Liable

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters)—The King signed a proclamation at the Privy Council today directing that, with certain exceptions, all male British subjects within Britain who have reached the age of 19 and have not reached the age of 37, are liable to be called up for military service.

It is estimated that the number liable for service under the new proclamation exceeds 2,500,000.

No change is contemplated in the present procedure of registering successive age groups in an ascending scale and no one will be actually called to register until he reaches the age of 20.

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ANDERSON ANNOUNCES DEFENCE REGULATION AMENDMENTS: DEATH PENALTY FOR GRAVE CASES OF SPYING, SABOTAGE

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN HOLLAND

AIRPORT CLOSED TO FOREIGN PLANES

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters)—More precautionary measures are being taken in Holland against possible German aggression.

The airport near Amsterdam, has been closed to foreign planes while the airfield near Groningen has been made available for commercial planes of other countries.

This will only allow them to fly a few miles over Dutch territory.

ROOSEVELT'S POLICY

The Times' Washington correspondent says the certainty prevails here that the retention of the United States Battle Fleet at Hawaii is a factor in President Roosevelt's announced policy of "doing everything we can" to prevent the spread of the war.

This particular instance relates to the present tension in Holland and the determination of the United States to provide the Japanese Government with all evidence possible of the gravity with which the "protective" occupation of the Netherlands East Indies would be regarded.

ANTI-ESPIONAGE LAW

Special to H.K. Daily Press

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Havas)—Ministry of Justice announced that a second anti-espionage law will be submitted shortly to Parliament. The law will provide for the deportation to the colonies of persons guilty of political actions which are detrimental to the well-being of the country.

Meanwhile, stringent measures have been taken to crush, at the outset, any possible move by enemy sympathisers in the event of an invasion.

The Military Commander of the region in western Holland visited the principal towns there where he recommended that motorists should use the utmost care when travelling, in view of extensive military precautions.

Pressmen of non-belligerent States were invited to inspect the coastal defences on board the cruiser Sumatra.

PETROL SALE RATION

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuters)—It is officially announced that, from May 14, the sale of petrol will be strictly rationed, and will be obtainable only in case of strict necessity.

PARIS, May 9 (Reuters)—Today's communiqué states that in the region east of the Moselle several enemy patrols have been repulsed by our infantry and artillery fire.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SIR JOHN ANDERSON, MINISTER FOR HOME SECURITY, introduced the third reading of a Bill providing for imposition of the death penalty in grave cases of espionage and sabotage, reports Reuters.

British Wireless states that during question time, Sir John Anderson announced that Orders-in-Council had been made amending the Defence Regulations.

The existing law for dealing with possible dangers from enemy agents and from organised attempts to weaken the resolution of the people to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion will be supplemented by the new Orders-in-Council.

Indicating the scope of the new amendments, Sir John Anderson said that first, as regards possible dangers from enemy agents and evil disposed persons, the Government decided to make four amendments of the law which will strengthen the hands of the authorities in dealing with any possible attempt by the enemy to undermine resistance to any attack upon this country.

There is already power to intern enemy aliens and power has now been taken to intern non-enemy aliens who would ordinarily be deported, but cannot be deported to their own country by reason of circumstances arising from the war. Provision has been made for control over entry into Britain of persons repatriated from enemy territory who, though technically British subjects, have no close association with British interests. Power has been taken to detain these persons, where it is thought necessary, pending inquiries into their bona fides.

One of the Defence Regulations has been amended so as to enable the Secretary of State to direct that the person, to whom the regulation applies, may, as an alternative to internment, be required to reside within a specified area and not to travel outside, without permission.

CHECK PROPAGANDA

The second group of regulations is designed to check the spread of propaganda calculated to undermine the resolution of the people

EUROPEAN MISSING

Mr. Andre Kella, 52 years of age, formerly mate of the vessel Hagdanius, has been reported to the police as missing from his home since last Sunday. The police were notified of Mr. Kella's continued absence by his wife, who is resident at No. 30, Mody Road. The missing man is described as of medium and slim build, with fair hair and grey eyes. He was wearing a dark tweed suit when last seen.



SIR JOHN ANDERSON

to prosecute the war to a successful issue. These regulations, said Sir John Anderson, had been very carefully drawn, so as to avoid penalising mere expression of opinion, while, at the same time, giving full power to deal with mischievous activities directed towards impeding the war effort of the nation.

The main regulation provides that, if the Secretary of State is satisfied any persons, or organisation, is concerned in systematic publication of matter calculated to foment opposition to the prosecution of the war to a successful issue and that serious mischief may be caused thereby, he may cause a formal warning to be given that, if such activities are persisted in, the persons responsible will become liable to proceedings and, if any person, or organisation so warned, subsequently publishes matter calculated to foment such opposition, those responsible are liable to a sentence of penal servitude for seven years, or a fine of £500, or both.

A further regulation extends the scope of another Defence Regulation so as to make it an offence to endeavour to incite men, who are liable to military service, to evade their duties, or to endeavour to incite persons to abstain from enrolling voluntarily in any of the defence services.

Finally a new regulation has been made empowering the Secretary of State to direct that no further use shall be made, pending application to the High Court, of any printing press which has been used for the production of documents published in contravention of regulations dealing with illegal propaganda.

Sir John Anderson concluded: "I am satisfied these powers are necessary to meet the situations with which we may be faced and I trust the action the Government has taken will command the support of all quarters of the House."

Chinese Dollar Will Be Maintained Above 3d.

CHUNGKING, MAY 9 (REUTERS)—CONFIDENCE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE VALUE OF THE CHINESE DOLLAR ABOVE 3D. is expressed in a special article in the China Times, which is generally regarded as closely associated with Chinese financial circles.

The recent slump in the Chinese dollar, it says, was entirely due to the excess of imports over exports. "The Chinese dollar still has its purchasing value in interior of China."

"Last August, when the dollar took a sudden slump, many people were deeply concerned over the future of the dollar which, however, steadily recovered. The present slump is a temporary result of the withdrawal of support by the Stabilisation Fund."

"It is fully expected that the rate will be maintained above three pence."

CZECHOSLOVAKS TO FIGHT

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters)—When the first contingent of Czechoslovak troops left for France yesterday, Dr. Benes in a short speech said that they were going to fight with their Allied to help smash the Nazi system of organized barbarism. The task would not be easy, but he believed they would perform their role gallantly. Madame Benes presented the troops with a flag.

69th German Plane Shot Down

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters)—The Air Ministry announced that a German plane was shot down off the north-east coast of Scotland, about noon today.

The machine was attacked by a British fighter aircraft and crashed near the coast.

This is the 69th enemy aircraft brought down near the British coast since the war began.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING. GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP.

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1940.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m., on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m., on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1940.

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HOME SOCCER SCORES

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter)—The following were the results of Regional League football matches played in England and Scotland today:

ENGLISH	
South "D"	
Reading	2 Crystal Pal. 4
SCOTTISH	
Western	
Rangers	3 Clyde 1
Eastern	
Raith	5 Dundee U. 0

WHITSUN RACE MEETING

Two Novice Races Over The Derby Distance

(BY "LAST QUARTER")

Racing enthusiasts are well catered for over the week-end when the Hongkong Jockey Club hold their Fifth Extra Race Meeting, more popularly known as the Whitsun Meeting.

The racing commences tomorrow afternoon when a programme of nine handicap events are down for decision, with chief interest centered on the Whitsun Handicap for Australian Ponies of this season, which has attracted such well known racers as Far View, Sapper, Many Thanks and Australian Diamond. The first saddling bell tomorrow will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The Whitsun Plate confined to "A" Class China ponies that have won less than \$5,000 in stakes this season will be the main attraction on Monday. The day's racing was originally composed of 10 events, but owing to the large number (49) of entries received for the Green Island Handicap for "C" Class China ponies, the Stewards have decided to divide this event into three sections instead of the customary two. This extra race (third section) will be the last event on the list and a special \$5 Cash Sweep is being conducted in conjunction with it.

On Monday, the first saddling bell will be rung at 12 Noon, the first race commencing at 12.30 p.m.—There will be the usual tiffin interval after the second event, with the racing resuming at 2.30 p.m.

LEAD MINE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

This opening event over 1-1/2 miles for Novice Jockeys is not easy to forecast as there are several evenly matched candidates entered. Rose Queen with only 140 lbs. to carry is the first to come to mind as this mare is quite capable of staying the full distance though a very temperamental runner. Rose Evelyn is also quite reliable over distance and if she gives no trouble at the gate is sure to be prominent. Hughber, if started here, should also be considered, in view of the pronounced superiority of this year's griffins over the old ponies.

Of the remainder, I think Advancing Time is about the best, closely followed by Boolat Bay. Gladiator is not a bad bet though I do not like him over this distance. Eve of Reason has been left out of my comments as I believe this pony will start later in the day. Guinness Time is in excellent condition and has a very good outside chance, particularly if the going is on the heavy side. Musketeer is another fit pony and will no doubt be difficult to catch but there is an event on Monday which should suit this chestnut right down to the ground and therefore I fancy the owners will keep their candidate over.

WARWICK FARM HANDICAP

The field will be a small one and I think Rowan, who will probably accept here instead of a later engagement, will win. Springhurst is expected to furnish the favourite with strong opposition. Catterick Bridge ran dilmally the last time out but has since returned some exceptionally fast training gallops and must therefore be conceded a good chance of upsetting. Shuttlecock, whose recent success is still fresh in the minds of punters, will find good support, but I do not think this brown is in the same class as Rowan and Springhurst, and besides, has another race later in the afternoon. Australian Prince, Maple Star and Spring Shine are also entered and of these three the first named should run best.

STONECUTTERS HANDICAP

The Eve candidates make up practically half the entries in this 1-1/4 mile race for griffins, and their first string, Eve of Reason, should be prominent, together with Gay Star, the top weight. Hughber is also one that needs watching, with Hillsboro Bay an outsider, in view of bottom weight and present fine racing condition.

WHITSUN HANDICAP

The "classic" of the day is the mile event for Australians of 1940. There should be very little in it at the finish, with the fight for premier honours between Far View, Sapper, Many Thanks and Spairrow. This is undoubtedly the best race of the day with Australian Diamond, another entrant with possibilities. I understand Vanity Fair will have a new jockey, probably Mr. Needa, and this combination is sure to find many followers.

LEAD MINE HANDICAP

The first leg of the Daily Double, and the second race of the afternoon for Novice Jockeys. The distance, 1-1/2 miles, will probably be the cause of many failures and I am at a loss to pick the winner as the two ponies I fancy most are both well known slugs and certainly need hard riding—Celtic Star and Scenic View. In view of considerable improvement, lately, Commencement Bay should at least secure a place. Strathbannock and Salvage Master have outside chances, while Royal Highness, if she makes up her mind to give of

her best, is fit enough to beat the best amongst them.

SHATIN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

The event is a sprint from the 1-1/2 Mile Post for "D" Class China ponies. Sunlight View and This Time are the ones to watch closely and the start will have a great deal to do with the final result. Portrush should do better than when beaten into fourth place recently, while Willynilly is dangerous. If the going is on the heavy side, Phoenix may create an upset.

BONDI HANDICAP

In view of the probable absence of Rowan, the finish in this mile and a half race should be fought out between Twilight Star and Centre Court. I have a slight preference for the former as I believe he will stay the distance better. Strathbannock is another fair performer but not too good over distance and the same remark applies to Rising Star. Roadify is a good outside bet and should pay well if successful. Snowy River was an absolute failure the last time and seems to be just as scrappy in training, so I am inclined to believe this cream will not even go to the post. This event is the second leg of the Daily Double.

SHATIN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

March Brown scored very convincingly at the last meeting and should do the trick again as the race is only a little over half a mile. Jack O'Lantern is in fine fettle and should run close. Double Chance, Talkative and Zero are other well known sprinters. Valorous is the outsider to follow, particularly if the track is soft.

SPENCER HANDICAP

The final event on the programme is for "D" Class Australians, and the two top weights at 160 pounds each, Shuttlecock and Income Tax, should produce the eventual winner between them. There may be only very little in it at the finish, but whatever it amounts to, I think it will be in favour of Shuttlecock. Brown Derby should secure a place in this company, if started, while Dick Turpin and Amber II can be expected to give a good account of themselves.

My final selections will appear in tomorrow morning's issue of the Hongkong Daily Press.

SPORTING

FIXTURES TODAY

BADMINTON.—St. Teresa's Club Tournament, 8.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

BOWLS LEAGUE.—First Division, K.C.C. v. Recto A. L.R.C. v. K.B.G.C., Police v. Civil Service, Recto B. v. Kowloon Docks, Craigengower v. Hongkong Football Club, Second Division, K.B.G.C. v. Craigengower, K.F.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Recto C. v. Police, Civil Service v. Cricket Club, K.C.C. v. Talko. Third Division, K.F.C. v. Electric, Cricket Club v. Prison Officers, Craigengower v. Hongkong Football Club, K.B.G.C. v. L.R.C.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Extra Race Meeting, First Day (Happy Valley) 2 p.m.

SUNDAY MAY 12

BOWLS.—Sam White Trophy Match, K.B.G.C. v. Recto (five rinks at Austin Road and five rinks at Recto) 3.30 p.m. CRICKET.—Second Division League play-off, Indian Recreation Club v. Police Recreation Club (Sookunpoo) 2 p.m.

MONDAY MAY 13

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Extra Race Meeting, Second Day (Happy Valley) 2.30 p.m.

Highlights In Sports

BY "PILAT"

With the various tournaments and competitions all concluded, except for the off-postponed Junior League cricket championship play-off between Indian R.C. and Police R.C., the winter sports season has come to an end.

The various branches of sport have reported a good season which, in all respects, can be termed as one of the most successful, taking into account the political situation which is bound to have some effect on sport. To review the whole season's activities in this limited column would be an impossibility; but there are several events and personalities in sports which are worthy of mention.

There is, I believe, awarded in some countries, a prize for the best individual achievement in sports. If such a prize is offered in Hongkong I would not hesitate, and I am sure sportsmen in general would support me, in nominating S. A. Rumjahn for it. The selection, I may add, is not based alone on the number of open tournaments that Sirdar has won. His good sportsmanship has long been known and his indomitable fighting spirit has been admired by spectators and opponents alike, while his charming manners, on and off the field, have always been an encouragement and inspiration to younger players.

Despite his 36 years, the veteran defeated a much younger opponent, Tsui Wai-pui, to win the Open Singles for the fifth time and practically won the doubles on his own when he partnered his cousin, H.D. Rumjahn, to win their 13th title in the last 15 years.

The Cricket League experienced one of its leanest seasons and many games in the Senior Division had to be abandoned in order to close early. H.K.C.C. withdrew from the League and this, no doubt, had some effect on the team ending to the season, as Club had always been a leading contender for honours. Kowloon C.C., who won the championship, are to be congratulated. They definitely deserve the honour.

The Junior play-off this Sunday at Sookunpoo promises to be an interesting affair, with the odds slightly in favour of the Indians. I think it will be a case of bowlers versus batsmen but the Indians have revealed a shakiness in the field which may mean victory or defeat for them.

In soccer, the Football Association should be gratified by the results which, despite the season getting off to a late start, saw keen competition throughout. Once again the Chinese showed their superiority in this particular branch of sport and carried off all the major trophies.

South China "A," who retained the Senior Championship, and who have been a dominating force in local soccer in the past few years, were forced to take a back seat. Eastern Athletic Association, a young and enthusiastic team, playing fast and spectacular soccer, stole the limelight from the champions whom they beat in the Senior Shield final.

Encouraged by their success, Eastern are already embarking on an ambitious tour which will include the Straits Settlements, East Indies, and they even hope to

COTTAGE CLUB HUNT

The Cottage Club paper-hunt for "The Flying Dutchman Cup" will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. The meet will be at Sheungshui-crossroads.

The Flying Dutchman himself will not fly, as he has broken a wing, but he wishes good luck to all riders in the hunt and he hopes that the best man, or the best lady, will win.

As this will probably be the last hunt, due to the advent of the warm weather, it is hoped that riders will turn out in full force. Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3.30 p.m. and transport will be provided to the meet.

U.S. Baseball Results

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter)—The Boston Red Sox further consolidated their position at the head of the American League baseball table yesterday when they beat the Detroit Tigers, second in the list, by 5-4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E.
Detroit	4	12	1
Boston	5	12	2
(Greenberg homered for the Tigers)			
Cleveland	10	14	0
New York	4	9	1
(Trosky homered twice and Hemsley once for the Indians)			
St. Louis	8	11	1
Philadelphia	10	13	1
(Gallagher homered for the Browns)			
Chicago	6	10	0
Washington	3	5	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E.
New York	10	17	2
Pittsburgh	6	12	0
Boston	10	13	1
Cincinnati	4	10	0
(Miller homered for the Braves)			
Philadelphia	4	9	0
St. Louis	7	10	0
(Suhr homered for the Phillies and S. Martin for the Cardinals)			

The Brooklyn-Chicago game was postponed on account of rain.

BASEBALL CLUB MEETING

In preparation for the forthcoming baseball season, the Hongkong Baseball Club is holding a meeting at the Brook Club Kowloon today at 5.30 p.m. when the season's prospects will be discussed. All interested in playing for the Baseball Club are invited to attend.

Ladies Golf

Captain's Cup, New Course. Fanling, Mrs. Shrigley, 103-30-73, Club Medal. April 2 Bronze Division, Mrs. Margaret 100-25-75 Silver Division—No entries. The Captain's Cup will be played at Happy Valley during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Full Course is now open at Happy Valley.

BADMINTON MATCH

A return badminton match between the Y.M.C.A. and the Jewish Club will be played at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, May 15, at 6 p.m.

go as far as India. It is also understood that Eastern are looking for a suitable site to build their own stadium. Whether or not the latter scheme will materialise, they certainly do not lack enterprise, and here's luck to them!

Small Attendance At Rifle Meeting

Only twenty-five members attended the midweek shoot. The small attendance was obviously due to the threatening weather in the forenoon. However, shooting conditions in the afternoon proved quite satisfactory except for a somewhat poor light.

Scores were as follows:—

S. R. (b)						
	Hcap.	200 yds.	500 yds.	800 yds.	Total	
S.I. (R) A. C. Chan	Scr.	32	34	29	95	
Mr. H. J. S. Blake	Scr.	29	30	32	91	
Sub/Lt. B. M. Bateman	3	30	30	31	91	
A.S.P. (R) D. Lole	Scr.	30	31	30	91	
Sgt. P. H. Thong	Scr.	27	32	31	90	
L.A.C. L. R. Hunt	3	29	33	28	90	
Mr. J. Hargreaves	Nil	32	28	29	89	
L/Sgt. W. Henderson	2	29	29	27	85	
Pte. J. Scott	4	27	29	27	83	
S. R. (a)						
F/Sgt. F. Tollison	5	31	31	28	90*	
Mr. Pang Shun	8	28	26	29	83	
P. C. Bachan Singh	8	28	29	26	83	
Lt. D. J. N. Anderson	8	27	27	25	79	
F/O. J. Farmer	11	21	23	27	71	
Gnr. E. Landau	Nil	27	24	18	69	
Mr. A. M. Prata	10	18	22	23	63	
Pte. N. G. Ferreira	13	24	19	20	63	

—Winner of Nett. spoon. —Winner of Handicap spoon. Winner of * or 1 will have his handicap reduced by one point.

CHINESE ENVOY GIVES INTERESTING TALK

Dr. W. W. Yen Tells Of World Travels

Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to U. S. S. R. was yesterday guest speaker at the Y's Men's tiffin meeting which took place at the St. Francis Hotel.

Recently returned from a round-the-world cruise, Dr. Yen dealt in his address with the impressions and experiences of the trip.

The cruise started inauspiciously said Dr. Yen, as near Colombo, Ceylon, due to outbreak of the European War, blackouts were already instituted on the island, and the captain of the ship stated they would probably have to go around the Cape to London.

Dr. Yen made a long stay in Bombay, where he met leaders, especially of the Congress Party, including Mr. Nehru, who visited Chungking last autumn, and with whom Dr. Yen was profoundly impressed.

AN ASIATIC FAILING

"We the people of Asia make a very great mistake by knowing Europe and America well, but not our neighbours, with whom we should try to improve relations," Dr. Yen said.

Dr. Yen gave an account of his impressions of the meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations in U. S. A., at Virginia Beach, near Washington. Conspicuous by their absence were members from Japan, the Soviet Union and the Netherlands.

"Our Conference exercises a profound influence on public affairs, because of the widely-read publications issued by the Institute of Pacific Relations," he said. "The chief subjects of discussion was war in the Far East, and the problems appertaining thereto. The internal conditions and external policies of China and Japan were studied as well as the interests and policies of Third Powers. A round-table conference was held on settlement of the Sino-Japanese War."

REASON FOR INVASION

"Japan's alleged reasons for the invasion of China—the unwillingness of China to co-operate economically with Japan, and the charge that China is in danger of communism—were thoroughly investigated, and mostly found groundless or at best superficial. The economic grievances of Japan were discovered to be subordinate to her political ambitions, or due

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Local Boy's Success At Cambridge

SON OF C.B.S. PRINCIPAL

News has been received in the Colony that Mr. J. Upsell, son of the Rev. G. E. S. Upsell, Principal of Central British School, and Mrs. Upsell, recently passed Part I (Inorganic Chemistry) in the First M.B. Examination at Cambridge University.

Mr. Upsell, who is an undergraduate at Queen's College (Cambridge), was a former pupil of the Central British School and the congratulations of their many friends will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Upsell on their son's success.

Another success which is of interest locally is that of Mr. F. E. Steele-Perkins who passed in the examination in Pharmacology for Medical and Surgical Degrees. He is the nephew of Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions, Hongkong.

RUGBY RESULTS

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter)—Rugby League matches played yesterday resulted as follows: Featherstone, 38 Keighley 8 Bramley, 10 Wakefield 142

CHESS TITLE

Three matches in the Colony Chess Championship Tournament were completed yesterday evening. Sir H. E. Pollock beat V. V. Kolatchoff, A. Y. Birlikoff beat L. Blair and Kolatchoff beat Blair.

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In the presence of relatives and many friends, the remains of the late Mrs. Eulalie Marie Elrod were laid to rest on April 25 after a service at the Bubbling Well Cemetery, Shanghai. In the morning a Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of Christ the King, 235 Rue Bourgeat, by Father J. K. Lipman, S.J., who also carried out the last rites at the graveside.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre, United States High Commissioner to the Philippines, who arrived in Shanghai from Manila in the U. S. S. August, flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, on April 22, called for Yokohama with Mrs. Sayre in the a.s. President Pierce on April 28. Mr. Sayre is on his way to Tokyo to confer with the United States Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, on general Far Eastern affairs.

Radio Programmes

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A PROGRAMME OF REQUEST CLASSICAL NUMBERS
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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Kitty Masters (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Rhythm in My Nursery Rhymes (Tango—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Many Happy Returns of the Day (Film Music Hath Chorus) — Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Let's Put Our Heads Together (Film "Gold Diggers of 1937"). With Plenty of Money and You (Film "Gold Diggers of 1937").

1.30 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.40 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 12—Intro: Did you ever have a feeling you're flying? A little bit of Dublin. Everything's in Rhythm with my Heart. Piano Medley No. 16—Musical Comedy Selection—Intro: Rose-Marie! Indian Love Call: The Girl Friend: Tea for Two: Why Do I Love You? I Want to be Happy with Rhythm accompaniment.

1.13 Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Don't Save Your Smiles (Davis and Others). She Came From Alsace Lorraine (Cilda-Carr). Old Ship O' Mine (Pelosi-Ardent). Song of the Lift (Butler and Others). My Little Buckaroo (from "Strange Laws"). Maracay (Gilbert-Nicholls)—with Vocal Choruses.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The Bohemians, Frances Langford and Flanagan and Allen.

Orch.—Swing Me Up Higher — A Fair Ground Fantasy (Mackeben) — The Bohemians Vocal—Rap Tap on Wood (from "Born to Dance"). I've Got You Under My Skin (from "Born to Dance"). — Frances Langford with Orchestra. Comedians—Flanagan and Allen Memories — Intro: Wanderer: Dreaming: Where the Arches Used to be: Can't We Meet Again: A Million Years: Underneath the Arches: Flanagan and Allen with Orchestra.

Orch.—Moss Rose—Waltz (Bosc): My Dream — Waltz (Waldteufel) — The Bohemians with Vocal Effects. Vocal — When Did You Leave Heaven? (film "Sing, Baby, Sing"): Deep Shadows (Whitehead)—Frances Langford with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — I'm All In (from "Soft Lights and Sweet Music"): Lost My Rhythm. Lost My Love. Lost My Man (from "Soft Lights and Sweet Music") — Ambrose and His Orchestra. Tangos — Summer Evening in Santa Cruz: Dear Madam—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots (I'm Afraid) The Masquerade Is Over—Hurry Home (Hick Withen) — His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—It's Great To Be in Love Again: At Your Service, Madame (from "Stars over Broadway") — Bob Crosby and His Orchestra. Waltz—Love, Live For Ever (Opera "Paganini") — Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots — I've Found a New Baby — Clarence Williams and His Band: Saratoga Shout—Luis Russell and His Orchestra. Tangos—Responso Malivo: Re-Fa-Si—Juan De Dios Filiberto y su Orquesta. Fox-Trots—I Come from a Musical Family: Somebody Stole My Break—Luis Armstrong and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Penny Serenade: Waltz—The Humming Waltz—Mantovani and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Lights Out: I'm Shooting High (film "King of Burlesque")—Little Jack Little and His Orchestra.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) and The Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.

8.15 The Willow (arr. Diack): Petronella (arr. Diack) — Scottish Country Dance Orchestra. Song by Michael Diack. The Banks of Allan Water (Scottish Ballad). Sink, Red Sun (Coleridge & del Riego)—Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) with Piano. Triumph (Trad.) — Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.

7.15 London Relay—"The Voice of the Nazi"—"What the German Hears."

Talk by Professor W. A. Sinclair.

7.30 London Relay—"The News."

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Short Mozart Programme.

Ronde (from Serenade in D Major "Haffner") — Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accompaniment by Franz Rupp. Overture "Cool Pan Tute" — The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

8.15, Studio — Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Il Mio Tesoro Intanto ("Don Giovanni"—Mozart); (b) Se Il Mio Nome ("The Barber of Seville"—Rossini). 2. (a) Morning (Tchaikovsky); (b) Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Stephen Foster); (c) Off in the Still Night (Trad. Irish Air). 3. (a) Madama (Tosti); (b) Luna d'Estate (Grieg).

8.40 Compositions of Elgar.

Prelude—"The Dream of Gerontius." Op. 38—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult. La Capricieuse, Op. 17—Bronislav Herman (Violin) with Siegfried

SCHULTZE at the Piano. Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. 30—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar. Contrasts, Op. 10, No. 3—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar. Shepherd's Song — Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.

8.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 A Request Classical Programme.

"Rienzi"—Overture (Wagner)—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski. Elgie (Massenet)—Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra with Violin Solos by Krasbansky. What Is This Feeling? (The Marriage of Figaro—Mozart)—Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra. Toradore's Song ("Carmen"—Bizet)—Ricardo Stracciari, Appoloni, Ticozzi and Chorus with Orchestra. Sonata in C Sharp Minor (Moonlight), Op. 27, No. 2 (Beethoven) — Egon Petri (Piano). Overture "Merry Wives of Windsor" (Nicola) — The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult. Onaway! Awake! Beloved ("Hiawatha") — Coleridge-Taylor—Tudor Davis (Tenor) with Orchestra. Myself When Young (from "In a Persian Garden"—Lehmann) — Oscar Natke (Bass) with Piano accompaniment by Robert Greenleaf. Sonata in C Minor, Op. 9 (Grieg)—Sergei Krieger (Violin).

11.00 Close down.

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Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Trans. II & III—News Summary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

do. 8.15 p.m.
do. 12.00 mid-night

Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

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"Under Nazi Rule"—On Mondays at 9.30 p.m.; reproductions on Tuesdays at 4.15 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 11 p.m.

"The Empire at War"—On Mondays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 2.45 a.m. and on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. and 2.45 p.m.

"Cards on the Table"—On Tuesdays 9.30 p.m.; reproductions on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.

"In England Now"—On Tuesdays and Fridays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on the same days at 6.45 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 4.15 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"Matters of Moment"—On Wednesdays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 6.45 p.m. and on Thursdays at 12.30 a.m. and 4.45 a.m.

Background to the News—On Thursdays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on Fridays at 9 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.

"World Affairs"—On Fridays at 9.30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 2.45 a.m. and on Saturdays at 12.30 p.m.

"London Log"—On Saturdays at 3.30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 11 p.m. and 6.45 a.m. and on Sundays at 12.30 p.m.

"Vive La France"—On Thursdays at 9.30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 2.45 a.m. on Fridays at 11.45 a.m. and on Mondays at 2.45 p.m.

"Political India"—On Wednesdays at 12.30 p.m.; reproductions on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and on Saturdays at 2.45 p.m.

"From the Western Front"—On Sundays at 9.15 a.m., 3.45 p.m., and 1.45 a.m.

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COMING EVENTS

MAY

10—Tides: High 10.16 a.m.; Low 4.06 a.m. and 5.48 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.45 a.m.; Sunset: 6.55 p.m.

Claims against estate of Andre Charles Eugene Brand due.

Inspection of H.K.V.D.C. Nursing Detachment at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Anglo-Chinese Tiffin at H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

Entries close for Y.M.C.A. Billiards Tournament.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

Cheero Club: Darts, Table-Tennis, Billiards.

St. John's Cathedral: Interdenominational Service of Intercession, 5.30 p.m.

Holmes May Inst. Christian Fellowship, 10.30 a.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Working Party (Medical), 10 a.m.

11—Tides: High 12.18 a.m. and 10.55 a.m.; Low 4.31 a.m. and 6.38 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.50 p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. Social, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

R.E.W.O.'s & Sergis' Mess—Whist Drive and Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Gymnastic Circus Opening at Mongkok.

12—Cricket: Junior League' Championship—Play off.

Mixed Doubles Tennis Tourney at C.S.C.C., 2.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. A. W. Ingram "Impressions of Shanghai."

13—H.K. Jockey Club's Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; Service Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

14—Lawn Tennis League Sports.

China Underwriters, Ltd., "Annual Meeting, 4a Des Voeux Road, 12 noon.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

M.C.L. (Police Branch): Mahjong Drive, Police Recreation Club, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Bridge Class, 10 a.m.; Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

Exposition of Chinese ancient porcelain at Pung Ping Sha Library, 10 a.m.—7 p.m.

15—Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Annual Meeting, 9 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Ladies' Guild Mahjong and Bridge Drive, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Jewish Club return badminton match, 6 p.m.; Annual Mtg. of A.D.C., 9 p.m.; Gramophone Records, 10 p.m.

16—Concert by Mme. Francesca Denies at Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship: Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m.; Services Concert, 8 p.m.

17—Chinese Industrial Co-operatives Dinner Dance and Cabaret, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Jumble and White Elephant Sale by Girl Guides' Assn. at Sandilands Hut, 2.30 p.m.

H.K. Referees' Assn. Whist Drive, Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.

H.K.V.D.C. Smoking Concert and Prize-Giving, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Camera Club Meeting, 6 p.m.; Badminton Club Meeting for Business Girls, 5.30 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

18—Claims against estates of Blanche Cooke and Helen Moffat Dods due.

Entries close for Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gallop.

19—Cathedral Women's Fellowship Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall.

20—Peak Club: Bridge and Mahjong Drive in aid of B.W.O.F., 3 p.m.

21—Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

22—Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Annual Meeting, (Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.), 12 noon.

23—Diocesan Old Boys' Assn. Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Claims against estate of Dame Mary Ann Ackroyd due.

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**Lloyd George Suggests
Premier Resigns**

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Mr. Lloyd George, in the House of Commons, said that the facts given by Sir Samuel Hoare were no defence of the Government.

"The first instalment of the British forces that went to Norway ought to have been picked men. The Germans had picked men."

"Britain sent a Territorial brigade which had not had much training. That was the advance party of a force which had to accomplish a task upon which the success of the whole force depended."

"We ought to have had combination and combined action between the Army and the Navy. We had neither. We gambled on the chance of getting air bases."

HALF-BAKED FORCE

"The whole of this vital expedition, which would have made a vast difference to this country strategically, and an infinite difference to our prestige in the world, was made dependent upon this half-prepared and half-baked expeditionary force without any combination between Army and the Navy."

"There could not have been a more serious condemnation of the action of the Government in Norway when they knew perfectly well that the Germans were preparing for a raid on some adjoining country, and probably in the Baltic."

"We are all proud to read of the gallantry of our men. All the more shame that we should make fools of them (Opposition cheers). In my experience of war direction I have never tried to minimise a disaster. You must face facts to restore the position. There is no cause for panic (General cheers) but there is grave cause for pulling ourselves together."

"You would not rouse the British Empire, as you must, to put forth its strength until you tell it what is really the peril. We need real action and not the sham action that we have had. The petty cash and balance sheet of losses on either side is of no use (cheers). Strategically, we are in a much worse position than before."

GREATER JEOPARDY

"The greatest triumph of this extraordinary man Hitler has been that he has put us in greater jeopardy than his predecessors did in 1914. One strategic advantage we handed over was Czechoslovakia with 1,000,000 of the finest troops in Europe gone. What is the second? You had the Franco-Russian Alliance by which Russia was to come to the aid of Czechoslovakia and there would have been a new war front for Germany."

"What happened? Russian ships are now crossing the Black Sea with oil for the aeroplanes of Germany. And thirdly there is Rumania, which Germany has practically in her hands. If they did not have her a month ago, by this policy in Norway we have handed them Rumania."

NO RIGHT TO CRITICISE

"As regards Spain, I hope my tears about that country would not prove true. Now you have got Scandinavia in German hands. It is no use criticising Sweden. What right have I to criticise them? We promised to rescue and we

**MORE MINISTERS ARE
OPEN TO CENSURE****Mr. H. Morrison Directs
Attack On Premier**

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Mr. Herbert Morrison, opening the second day of the Debate on the war situation in the House of Commons yesterday, emphasised the gravity of the issues involved and said that if we must be sternly critical about the handling of the events, and refer to certain persons, we must not be actuated by partisan considerations.

"I would sing the praises of anyone instrumental in winning the war," he said. He then went on that the more the Debate proceeds the more Ministers, it appears, are open to considerable censure for the conduct of affairs."

AMAZING ACTION

He complained that Mr. Winston Churchill, who had considerable responsibility for the operations, would be heard last, when there could be no comment on his evidence.

Mr. Morrison described the scattering of the Expeditionary Force prepared for Finland as an amazing action. "I wonder whether the Government took its pledge to Norway seriously as an essential part of the war operations, or merely as discharging a moral obligation to protect themselves from criticism," he said.

Mr. Morrison then asked, "when was the Government first informed of the German move against Norway and Denmark?"

"When the first message came through, of the movement of German transports, and how soon afterwards was there any real move?"

ATTACK ON PREMIER

As regards the laying of mines on the Norwegian coast, Mr. Morrison said that to tell Hitler what you were going to do before you do it is profoundly unwise. The Government ought to have had surveys of the docks, harbours, fjords and aerodromes so as to know where to get to and get there quickly.

"It looks as if none of these things were done," he said.

Mr. Morrison named Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir John Simon and Sir Samuel Hoare as unequal to their task and as more than any other men responsible for not avoiding the war. He announced that the Labour Opposition would divide the House at the end of the evening.

GOVERNMENT CHALLENGED

Immediately following Mr. Morrison's speech the Prime Minister rose—almost sprang—to the Despatch Box and said:—

"The words which Mr. Morrison have just uttered make it necessary for me to intervene for a moment or two at this stage."

"Mr. Morrison began his speech by emphasising the gravity of the occasion. The challenge he has thrown at the Government in general, and the attack he has made upon them, and upon me in particular makes it graver still."

"Naturally, as head of the Government I accept primary responsibility for the actions of the Government but it is grave not because of personal considerations."

"None of us would for a moment desire to hold on to office for a moment longer than we retain the confidence of this House. But I had warned the House yesterday that this is the time of national danger."

RELENTLESS ENEMY

"We are facing a relentless enemy who must be fought by the united action of this country. It may well be that it is the duty to criticise the Government. I do not seek to evade criticism, but I say to my friends, and I have friends in the House (loud Government cheers), that no Government can prosecute a war efficiently unless it has public and Parliamentary support."

"I accept the challenge. I welcome it indeed. At least, we shall see who is with us and who is against us. I call on my friends to support us in the Lobby tonight."

promised to protect and we never sent an aeroplane to Poland and we were too late in Norway."

"The German occupation of Norway brings German aeroplanes and submarines 200 miles nearer our coast. There was the promise to Poland, the promise to Norway and the promise to Finland. Our promissory is now rubbish in our hands (loud cries of shame from Government supporters and cheers from the Labour benches)."

"Tell me now of one little country that will prepare to stand up to the Nazis upon a mere promise from us. What is the use of hot facing facts?"

PREMIER SHOULD RESIGN

Mr. Lloyd George said that everybody was dissatisfied with the war effort of this country and agreed with the Prime Minister that "we must face the position and face it with the people and not as personal issues."

In conclusion, Mr. Lloyd George said that the Prime Minister had appealed for sacrifice from a nation which was ready so long as "you give a confidence to them that those who are leading them are doing their best for them."

"I say now solemnly that the Prime Minister can give an example of sacrifice, because I can tell him one thing. There is nothing which would contribute more to victory in this war than that he should sacrifice the seals of office (loud Labour cheers, and Government counter cheers)."

**HOLLAND IS
READY****MORE MEN NOW
THAN EVER**

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—As a result of the cancellation of Army leave, and the recall of all categories on leave, Holland, according to one political observer, now has more men with the Colours than she ever has had.

Since the invasion of Norway and Denmark the Dutch have no illusions regarding the fate which may befall any of Germany's neighbours. The Government's measures, therefore, are received with understanding resignation, and even with relief, as showing that no events will take Holland by surprise. It is remarked that visible measures of precaution include the coast."

Nobody suggests that Holland could be a victim of British attack and it would seem that after the swift German landings on Norway, the possibility of a German attack by sea has reappeared as a new factor in the situation.

TENSION EASES

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—Last night the tension in Holland appeared to momentarily have been eased but the military authorities have not slackened their vigilance or defence preparations.

Foreign observers estimate that altogether 500,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and members of auxiliary services now stand ready. Nothing appears to have been neglected and even Holland's wide flat roads and other open spaces have, where necessary, been rendered useless as possible landing grounds for troop-carrying planes.

Meanwhile, suspected spies are being rounded up. Among last night's indications of a slight relaxation of tension are the announcement of minor exemptions to the general cancellation of leave in the forces and the restoration of the normal schedule today on the electrified section of the railways.

**AMERICANS SHOULD
LEAVE HOLLAND**

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—Official dispatches reaching the State Department since yesterday indicated some increase in the tension in the Netherlands as the result of fears of invasion by Germany, stated Mr. Cordell Hull at the press conference. Mr. Cordell Hull added that American nationals in Holland have no excuse if caught there by any outbreak of hostilities because they had long been advised to leave owing to the threat of war.

**Relief Work
In China****MEETING HELD
IN LONDON**

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—At the annual meeting of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Sir Herbert Phillips emphasised the unanimity with which people of every religious body, from Buddhists to Roman Catholics, co-operated in distributing relief. He warmly paid tribute to Sir R. Calder-Marshall, a "tower of strength" to the Fund's executive committee in Shanghai, and also the assistance of many business men, doctors and missionaries.

He said five million dollars were needed between January and June this year and he was sure that Britain, whose generosity was deeply appreciated in China, would continue to help. The secretary, Dr. Gordon Thompson said the fund had now reached £217,000, over £14,000 being received from last September despite the European War, besides large quantities of materials.

**SHOWER OF BOMBS
ON AFRIDI**

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The waves of the bombing attacks on H.M.S. Afridi were described by survivors who reached Portsmouth yesterday from the north. The survivors estimated that over 500 bombs were dropped before the Afridi was hit.

The Afridi replied with guns to the attacks which were made in the first place by 40 planes and later by 20. The crew was rescued by a warship which went alongside.

The Afridi sank in about 20 minutes and the Captain was the last to leave the ship.

**ALLIED TRAWLERS
SUNK**

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announced the loss of six naval trawlers during the Trondheim evacuation. Two were sunk after air attacks and four were so damaged by air attacks that it was not considered advisable for them to attempt the North Sea crossing and they were accordingly sunk by British forces. The casualties among the personnel were slight.

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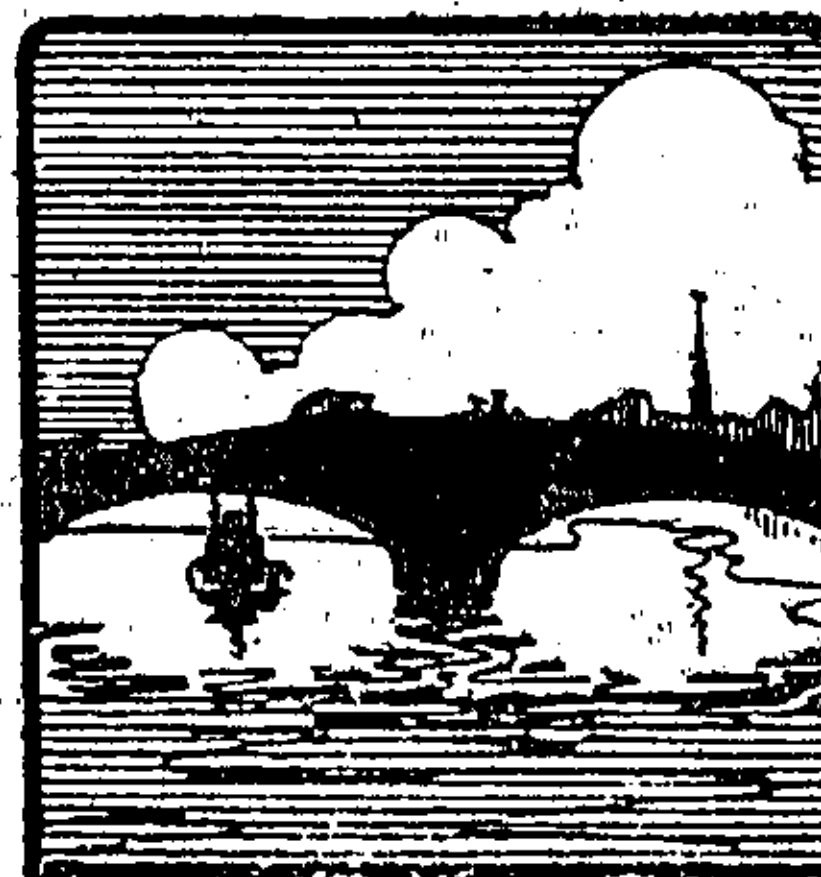
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POLICE EVIDENCE IN MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL AT SESSIONS

British Naval Officer Accused: Sequel To Fatal Wanchai Accident

KENNETH DUNCAN BRUCE, 24-year-old engineer officer in His Majesty's Navy, who was charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with the manslaughter of a ricksha coolie, LAM SHING-SHI, in a motor accident in Hennessy Road in the early hours of April 4, was cross-examined at length when he gave evidence in the afternoon.

The trial opened before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor. The Crown case was conducted by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who was assisted by Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders. Bruce was defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. Brittain Evans.

Messrs. J. F. Lawrie, V. P. Santos, J. Mar, Chan Hung-ching, B. A. Young, Wong Shu-wah and J. W. Bundred were called to act as the jury, the first named being elected foreman.

Lam Shing-shi, said Mr. Murphy, was knocked down and killed by a black saloon car in Hennessy Road about 2.30 a.m. on April 4. The case for the Crown was that the car was, at the time, driven by Bruce.

Proceeding, Mr. Murphy said Bruce had gone to the Shatin Club on the previous afternoon with a friend and stayed until about 8 p.m. Whilst there he had drunk one beer and four whiskies.

APPEARED TO BE SOBER

About 10 p.m. Bruce was in Mac's Cafeteria and there he had a whisky and ginger ale. Three-quarters of an hour later, Bruce was at the Lido at Repulse Bay, where he had a similar drink after which he and some other gentlemen sat down to dinner. Bruce, however, left after consuming only his soup. He then appeared to be sober, according to one witness.

About 1 a.m. a man, in blue uniform who was not identified, entered the To Yuen Restaurant, West Point, and indicated that he desired a drink. He was not served, however, because the licence of the restaurant did not permit the selling of liquor to Europeans. The man in uniform then left.

A ricksha coolie, about the same time, picked up a fare near the restaurant to go to the Nam Ping Hotel in town. As the ricksha was proceeding along Des Voeux Road West, near Western Street, a black saloon car came from behind and struck it, knocking a piece of wood off the mudguard.

Mr. Murphy continued and said that Bruce then arrived at the To Yuen Restaurant, No. 205, Des Voeux Road West, and ordered a whisky and soda. Fifteen minutes later he was served a second drink, shortly after which he joined a party of Chinese at another table, where he was served with a third drink. Bruce and the party left the restaurant about 1.45 a.m.

IN WHITE JACKET

About 2.30 a.m., said Mr. Murphy, a man, Lam Shu-keung was walking along Hennessy Road, near Fenwick Road, when he saw a man coming towards him dressed in white jacket and dark trousers. Lam heard the sound of a motor car behind him, and turning round, saw a black saloon car suddenly go to the wrong side of the road and knock down the man he had previously seen approaching. The man knocked down was Lam Shing-shi, ricksha coolie.

The car did not stop after the accident. The road at the time was dry, and the lighting was good. There were no other cars, or pedestrians, in the vicinity.

When the police arrived about 3 a.m., they found the body of Lam, who was dead, lying outside No. 74 and broken glass around the body. An hour later, a black saloon car was found in Tonnochy Road, about 700 yards from the scene of the accident, and Bruce was discovered asleep in the front seat.

Evidence was then given by witnesses for the Crown.

Liu Sul-yin, interpreter at Wanchai Police Station, said he received a telephone message in the early hours of April 4, and he communicated with Sgt. Fryer.

BLOOD MARK

Sgt. G. Fryer, of the Traffic Department, said that when he arrived at the scene of the accident, he saw the body lying almost parallel with the curb about two feet away from the pavement. There was a blood mark. He examined the road for marks but none could be seen. Some glass was scattered near the body, and he concluded that it must have come from the headlamp of a car.

He set out to find the car and discovered it parked in Tonnochy Road. There was a man sitting



MR. W. J. ASHTON

DEPARTING Y.M.C.A. OFFICIAL

MR. W. J. ASHTON TRANSFERRED

Mr. W. J. Ashton, Assistant Secretary of the European Y.M.C.A. since June, 1935, when he succeeded Mr. E. F. Selk, leaves for home today on transfer.

Y.M.C.A. WORK

Previous to his coming to Hongkong, Mr. Ashton was Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Lincoln, England, and had been in Y.M.C.A. work for many years.

He first became acquainted with Y.M.C.A. work through being asked to turn out for a Y.M.C.A. cricket team. He was prevailed upon to accept the Secretaryship of the team, and progressed to serve on various committees and become well acquainted with every aspect of Y.M.C.A. activity.

He was appointed to the Secretaryship of the Y.M.C.A. at Lincoln in 1934, and came out to Hongkong in 1936 to assist Mr. A. W. Ingram.

MANY FRIENDS

During his stay locally he has succeeded in winning many friends and has taken an active part in all "Y" activities other than sport. He appeared in several short sketches presented by the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, and in the A.D.C.'s presentation of "The Housemaster" this winter he played the role of Sir Berkeley.

At a short presentation ceremony held at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening Mr. Ashton was the recipient of a kodak ban-tam camera, a gift from members of the local "Y."

MANY SPEAKERS

Mr. A. W. Ingram, Secretary of the European Y.M.C.A., Mr. H. W. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club, Mr. H. Cole, Hon. Secretary of the Sunday Evening Discussion Group, Mr. W. H. Colledge, of the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, Mr. Tyndall, of the House Committee, and Mrs. A. W. Ingram, representing the Women's Section, were the speakers at the send-off meeting held in honour of Mr. Ashton.

Mrs. Ingram made the presentation. The meeting concluded with a chorus of "He's a jolly good fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne," in which all present joined.

STEALING LEAD IN CEMETERY

Pleading guilty to the charge of theft of five cattles of lead, Chan Kck-nam, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday.

The defendant, on May 6, was stealing lead from tombstones in the Chinese Permanent Cemetery. He was seen and chased by the keeper and was arrested. An expulsion order was also made against him.

SENT TO THE SESSIONS

Appearing on remand before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday, charged with stealing a gold ring valued at \$17.70 and three receipts, an unemployed youth was committed to stand trial at the Criminal Sessions.

The defendant was alleged to have snatched the money and articles from a widow, Kwok Mui while on board a bus from Queen Mary Hospital.

Passengers

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The following passengers arrived in Hongkong yesterday from the North:

Mr. C. J. Berwick, Mr. W. H. Beckett, Mr. A. P. Blunt, Mr. K. Clough, Mr. F. W. Van der Sleen, Mr. A. K. J. Yusufally, Mr. P. D. Chao, Mr. C. H. Chow, Mr. K. Ho, Mr. Ho Kin-hoi, Mr. M. P. W. Jacobsen, Mr. Lee Teh-nee, Mr. V. Oastananda, Mr. W. J. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Thomas, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Rev. W. B. Albertson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker, Miss E. Baker, Mrs. E. Cuthbert, Mrs. M. A. Haines, Mrs. J. E. Wilkins, Master G. H. Wilkins, Master M. J. Wilkins, Mr. Kaku Ka-so, Mr. Lo Cheong-ki, Mrs. Chan Yee-hong, Master Yung Chu-yeng, Miss S. Ho, Mr. Au Suen-che, Mr. Chen Hseung-man, Mr. Chen Pan-shen, Miss K. K. Downton, Mr. J. A. Herring.

Mr. Hsu Kien-foo, Mr. M. F. Hsu, Mr. Kao Shao-sun, Mr. Kao Kai-jen, Mr. Lau Chang, Mr. Lau Cheong-foo, Mr. Lee Tze-yuan, Mr. Luang Prasad, Mr. Poon Men-wan, Mr. V. P. Schekunoff, Mrs. Tang Ho-ling, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, Mr. Wan Wai-choi, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Lam, Mr. R. B. Wong, Mr. Wong Yin-yuan, Mr. Wu Sing-chee, Miss B. Y. Yuan.

PASSING THROUGH

The following passengers passed through en route to Manila.

Mr. M. K. Jureidini, Miss E. F. Levalle, Mr. R. Moreno, Mr. L. D. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hirvonen, Mr. R. V. del Rosario, Miss J. A. Tyrrell, Mr. B. S. Sariscuta, Mrs. T. I. Barwick, Mr. Cham Chio, Mr. Co Sun, Mr. T. T. Kolot, Mr. G. Nello, Mrs. V. O. Reynolds, Mrs. M. B. Odum, Mr. L. O. Thorson.

DEPARTURES

The following passengers left Hongkong yesterday for Singapore and ports.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Walker, Mr. G. L. Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walters, Mr. Tung See-gan, Mr. Louis Ayam.

FROM MANILA

The following passengers disembarked at Hongkong yesterday from a Japanese liner from Manila:

Mr. Hitoshi Asada, Mr. Kurano-suke Oyama, Mr. Edgar Eugene de Chaffoy de Courcelles, Mr. Florencio Reyes, Mrs. Oliva Reyes, Miss Amparo Reyes, Mr. Yotaro Tamura, Mr. Masamitsu Takasaki, Mr. Tasuo Yazima, Mr. Vicente Almarino, Mrs. Rosario Pelaez Almarino, Mr. Ramon Concepcion, Mr. Eliso Hilda Engemann, Mr. Jorge Alberto Vieira Esteiro, Mrs. Celeste Maria Yanovich Ribeiro, Mr. Jorge Alberto Vieira Ribeiro, Jr., Mr. Jose M. Rodas, Mrs. Rosario F. Rodas, Mr. Jose L. Rodas, Mrs. Felisa Morales Tanjuto, Mr. Salvador G. Zamora, Mrs. Nelly L. Zamora, Miss Rita L. Zamora, Miss Virginia F. Dayao.

FOR SHANGHAI

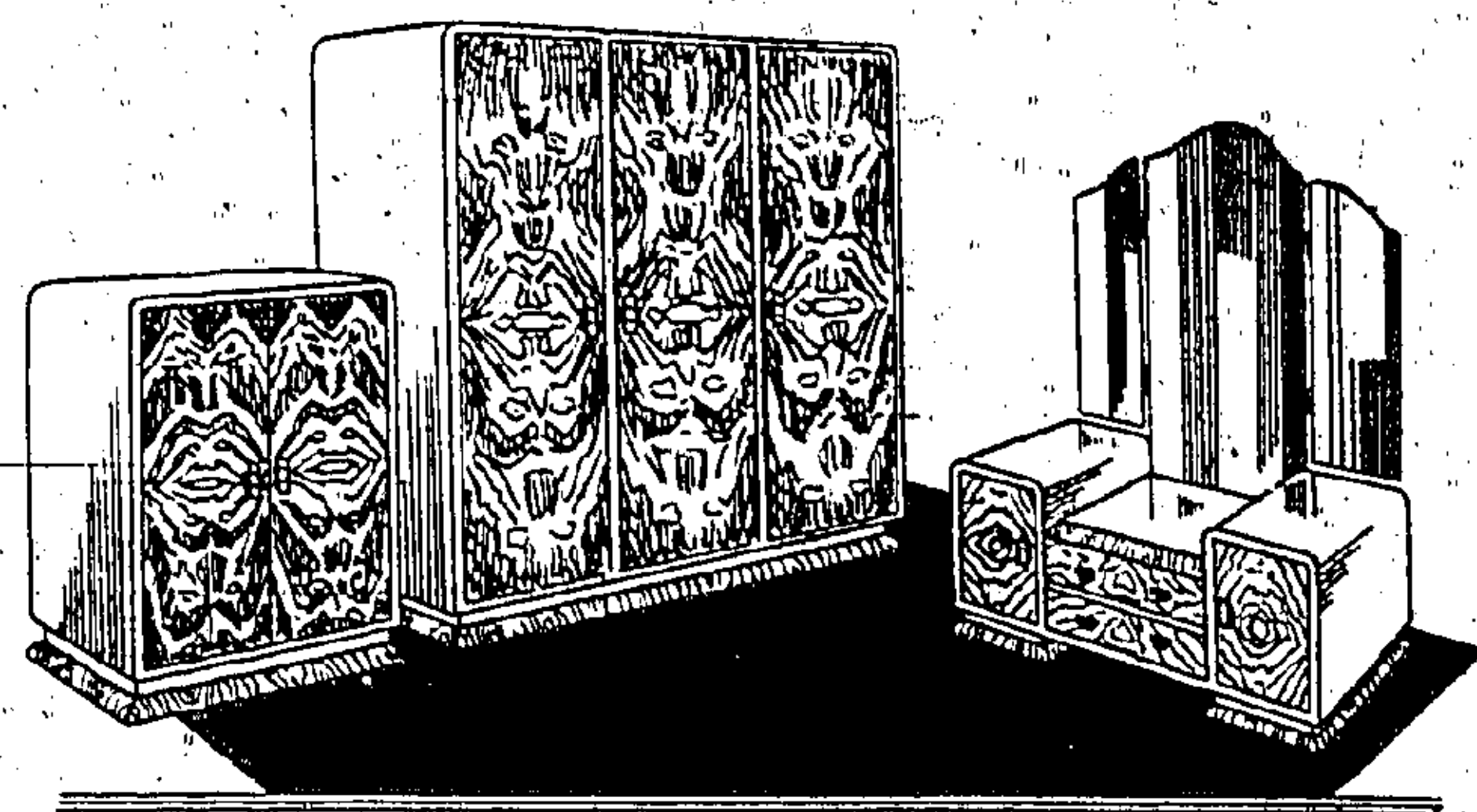
The following passengers passed through the Colony yesterday on a Japanese liner en route to Shanghai:

Mr. Carroll Grinnell, Mrs. Ruth Belding Grinnell, Mr. David B. Grinnell, Mrs. Marguerite Herring, Mrs. Elizabeth Powers Hillen, Miss Hannah Smedley Hillen, Miss Elizabeth Mercer Hillen, Mr. Matsujiro Kenmoku, Mr. Takenosuke Kutsuzawa, Mrs. Hsiao Kutsuzawa, Miss Makiki Kutsuzawa, Mstr. Jun-ichi Kutsuzawa, Mr. Tadao Mizokoshi, Mr. Oliver Evans Nelson, Mr. Toyotaro Miyahara, Mr. Masakazu Tutimura, Mr. Shuichi Unno, Mr. Katsuyori Watanabe, Mr. Kikuo Yoshieka.

Mrs. Frances Madeleine Drummond, Mr. Alfred Fischgrund, Mr. Masasaburo Hamanaka, Mr. John B. Hopkins, Mrs. Mildred Elizabeth Wood Hopkins, Master John M. Hopkins, Miss Frances Dorothy James, Miss Gwendolyn May James, Mr. Walter Armstrong Jensen, Miss Stepanka Kacarova, Mr. Potenciano Lesaca, Mr. Angel Villazon Monzon, Mrs. Margaret B. Moore, Miss Patricia Lee Moore, Miss Marie Silloway, Mr. Tomotaro Suido.

Mr. Syotli So, Miss Maria Margaret Wagenknecht, Mrs. Annie Joseph Wasson, Master Maynard Wasson (Junior), Mr. C. Watanakase, Mrs. Martha Jane Williams, Miss Carol M. Williams, Mr. Tadashi Muroku, Mr. Ki-yoki Goto, Mr. Harue Hara, Miss Sizuho Hara, Master Masayuki Hara, Master Mikko Hara, Miss Hoshiko Kawamoto, Mr. Sakuzo Kida, Mr. Akechi Murakami, Mr. Hakuro Nakasima, Mrs. Mituko Nakasima, Miss Hiroshi Nakasima, Miss Mitiko Nakasima, Mr. Satoshi Sakai, Mr. Kanaburo Sekimoto, Mr. Tomokichi Shibuya, Mr. Kwani-chi Tamashiro, Mr. Iwamono Tsumura, Mr. Tetsuo Tamamoto.

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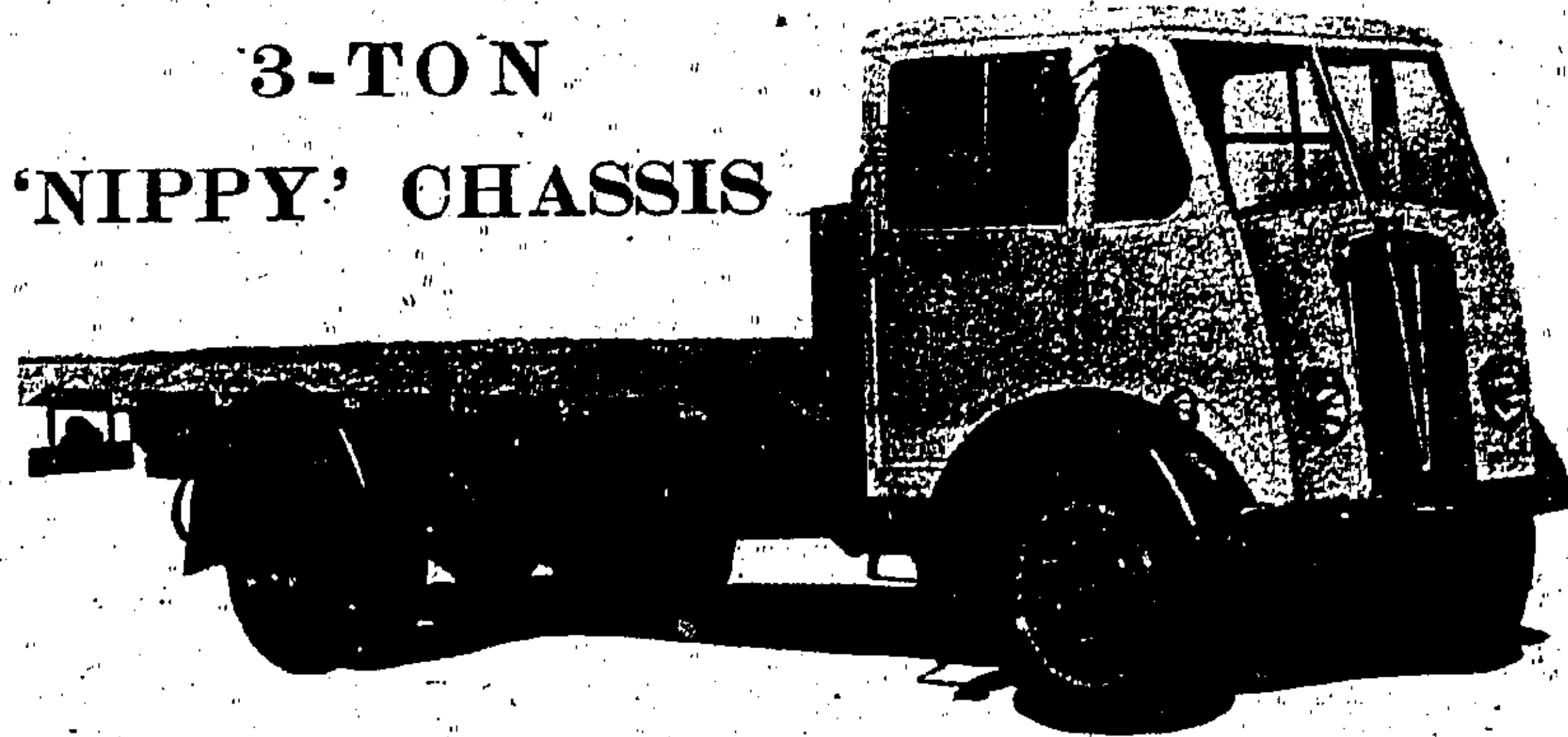
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The paragraph under this heading referring to refusal of space is withdrawn, and the following substituted:—

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Hong Kong, 10th May, 1940.

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CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixteenth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the Fourteenth day of May, 1940, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 6th May, 1940, to the 14th May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HERBERT R. STURT,
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the under- signed on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May, to the 2nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 18th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

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MERELY FAMILY MESSAGES

Appearing before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday, charged with a breach of the Defence Regulation, Wan Sing, a travelling trader, was fined \$4.

Wan was found by police while in possession of four letters at the Sun Cheong Wharf early yesterday morning, while catching the steamer to Nam Tau.

Pleading guilty, Wan said that he had only been in the Colony four days. The letters contained messages of family nature.

HEROIN CASE

Appearing before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday, charged with the unlawful possession of 7,200 heroin pills, 178 ounces of pink mass and one ounce of heroin powder, Ng Sheung-kai and Tam Hok-pang were further remanded for a week when hearing will begin.

Mr. S. Ng Quinn appeared for the second defendant and applied for the adjournment. Ng expressed no objection to the case being fixed for seven days.

An exposition of Cha-lo-yuan's Collection of Chinese ancient porcelain will be held at the Fung Ping-shan Library, Hongkong University, on Tuesday next, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exposition will be under the joint auspices of the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture, the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations and the Sino-British Cultural Association.

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New Cabinet Demand

IT IS A LONG TIME since the British House of Commons has witnessed such a heated debate on the Government's war policy. And yet, bitter though the criticism has been of the Government's conduct of the British war effort to stem the tide of totalitarian aggression, particularly with reference to the operations in Norway, it revealed more clearly, than it has ever revealed before, the typical British characteristic—the right of free speech and frank discussion. In no other country in the world—with the exception of the United States, perhaps—could politicians have voiced their demands, as reflecting public opinion, for an immediate overhaul of the Government's administrative machinery and a reorganisation of the personnel of a Cabinet, even if these demands involved the necessity of seeking the formation of a new body to take its place. This expression of the determination of the British people to see the war through to a successful conclusion is, indeed, heartening, after the grave, but nevertheless, honest admissions of the failure of what has been described as the "half-baked" expedition to Norway.

IN OTHER WORDS, what the British public wants is an assurance that this will not happen again. Such is the weight which public opinion in Britain carries that proof of this assurance will be given when the political leaders and statesmen get together to consider how the defects and weakness of the past can be remedied and on what lines future plans should be based. No one, perhaps, realises the need for being in a position to give the public this assurance than Mr. Neville Chamberlain himself. The trend and nature of the charges which were made against him and his colleagues in the Government could not have failed to impress him. The narrow majority by which his Government averted the vote of censure is taken as indicating that the man-in-the street is not satisfied that he can bring about such a change in the conduct of the Allied war efforts as will prevent the recurrence of events which will have a damaging effect, not only on British prestige, but on the confidence of the outside world in the ability of the Allies to achieve their goal of liberating Europe from tyranny and menace.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN and his Government, to quote American press opinion, gained an uneasy reprieve and, as an honest man whose strict adherence to the ethics of upright and straightforward dealings has been his only weakness, Mr. Chamberlain has already admitted his difficulties and shouldered the full responsibility for the failure of the Norwegian campaign. Reports of the likelihood of his resignation, although unconfirmed, are yet another proof of his honesty. Attention, therefore, becomes focussed on the man who will be chosen to take his place in guiding the destinies of the British Empire. The most popular choice appears to be the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax. As a statesman, Lord Halifax has commanded respect and confidence and his judgment on foreign policy has rarely been

BRITISH RELIEF UNIT MEMBERS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Violet Chan was hostess at a very pleasant afternoon tea party, given on the lawn of her residence, at Po Shan Road, yesterday, when the opportunity was taken for the guests of honour, Mr. Ever Barger and Mr. P.R.T. Wright, of the British Relief Unit for Central China, to meet leaders of the various Hongkong Chinese women's organisations, actively engaged in war work.

Mme. Wu Te-chen, wife of Gen. Wu Te-chen, Minister for Overseas Affairs, and herself a very ardent relief worker, was amongst those invited. Another well-known war worker present was Dr. C. Y. Wu, of the Chinese Red Cross.

THERE'S THAT DIFFERENCE!

A street cooler was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday with indecent exposure and was cautioned for the offence.

He was arrested by police while bathing in a nullah near the Water Works Pump in Pokfulam Road.

Sgt. Oakley, who prosecuted, said that the University had sent in a complaint regarding persons appearing naked and bathing in the nullah and constables were posted in the vicinity to chase them away.

Mr. Edwards: Who sent in the complaints?—The Professor of Anatomy.

Mr. Edwards: They don't mind seeing a naked body dead, but they do mind seeing one alive.

RETURNED FROM BANISHMENT

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Tong, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday to a charge of the breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Chan was banished from the Colony for 10 years in 1933.

FOUND IN THE HARBOUR

A small boy while swimming off Gloucester Road on Wednesday, found an automatic and a clip containing a number of ammunition in the harbour. These were handed to the police who are awaiting a claimant.

SOON TO WED

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Samuel Saunders Schier, businessman, of the Elks Club, Manila, P.I., and Miss Kathleen Grant Smith, school teacher, of Boulevard Apartments, Manila; Mr. Plinio Antonio Xavier, of No. 47 Hankow Road, first floor, and Miss Marie dos Passos Brito, of No. 11 Hart Road;

Mr. Anthony Paul Chong, office assistant, of No. 184 Hennessy Road, first floor, and Miss Doris Margaret Fung, typist, of the same address.

REGISTRY MARRIAGE

At the Registry yesterday, Mr. Wong Hing, detective of the Central Police Station, was married to Miss Leung Suet-ying, of No. 9 Hollywood Road.

questioned. The question is whether a man, younger in years and imbued with the ability of making decisions quickly in emergencies, is not available. In the past, Britain has had young statesmen who proved their ability to take the helm and bring the country to the proud position it occupies today. Leaders like Sir William Pitt and Charles Fox held this important office with more than success and, though conditions are different today, Britain still has men of the same calibre in Mr. Anthony Eden, whose name is also mentioned for the Premiership. The decision which the country will have to make is a weighty one and it is one which will undoubtedly be considered in every aspect before the step is taken. In the circumstances in which this need has arisen, the British public can be relied on to make no mistake in their choice. Wherever their choice falls, the assurance they have demanded will be given.

BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER ON TRIAL AT SESSIONS

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Going into the witness-box, Bruce described the events of the afternoon and evening.

Just after the To Yuen Restaurant in West Point, he said, a ricksha came across his path, and he had to swerve to the left. He was not conscious of having struck it, but a little further on he stopped his car and went back to see if anything had happened. As he saw a ricksha proceeding along with nothing wrong, he concluded there had not been an accident.

He then went into the Tai Yuen Restaurant, a short distance ahead. He ordered a whisky and soda and, as he had been suffering from a headache for some little time, he took two pills from his pocket and swallowed them.

After taking just a sip, he got into conversation with a Chinese gentleman who was with some friends at a table to his left. The whisky was then accidentally split, and the Chinese gentleman ordered another for him. He took the drink over and joined the party, and the Chinese showed him how to use chopsticks.

The second drink was also split, and the Chinese ordered a third for him, said Bruce. This he drank. He had been drinking five or six years, and mostly whisky.

Bruce stated he remained in the restaurant about half-an-hour to 45 minutes and then left with the party. He went into the car with the Chinese gentleman with whom he had conversed. They drove along the seashore to the Naval dockyard where they turned into the tramlines and continued to Hennessy Road.

"IN FRONT OF CAR"

"I don't exactly know how it happened," said Bruce, "but my first recollection was that this man was right in front of my car and I was on the wrong side of the road."

Witness, continuing, said that he thought he had knocked the man to one side, and, after pulling the

car to the left, he stopped to see if everything was all right. His companion looked through the back window and told him that it was all right and he then crossed to his side of the road and carried on. He had no idea how he had got to the wrong side of the road.

Bruce said he finally parked the car in Tonnochy Road and he and his friend went for a stroll. He said was feeling tired, but was quite normal except for a headache.

When he returned to the car, he was surprised to find the damage. He tried to straighten the headlamp but could not succeed. He then tried the lights, but only one light was working. When he tried the switch a second time, it broke. Seeing that he could not drive through town with one light, he decided to wait in the car till daylight for the first ferry to Kowloon. His companion then left.

A TRIFLE HAZY

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, Bruce said he had been drunk before, but on this occasion he was not feeling drunk at all. Regarding his sick headaches, he said they sometime made his eyesight a trifle hazy.

Mr. Murphy (cross-examining): What do you consider a safe amount to drink to drive a car?—I have never considered the amount, but the feeling.

Witness added that if he felt drunk he would never attempt to drive.

Further cross-examined, Bruce said he first felt affected by his headache whilst driving out to Repulse Bay. He had had them before and had taken pills for them but had had no ill effects. He had usually laid down after taking them, as he had been advised.

Witness stated he had never had an accident with a car before this occasion.

The hearing will be continued this morning.

LADY TWEEDSMUIR LEAVES CANADA

OTTAWA—Her Excellency, Lady Tweedsmuir, wife and helpmate of the late Governor-General of Canada, bade farewell on March 17 to the Canadian people and said: "I shall be proud to count myself always part of Canada, wherever I am."

Her Excellency, who will return shortly to her home in England, addressed the people of Canada in a Dominion-wide broadcast over the network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Lady Tweedsmuir said she would leave Canada "with a warmth at my heart, and gratitude for the love you have shown to my husband and myself." She made reference to two of her sons, Lieut. Alastair Buchan, and Lieut. John Buchan, who succeeded to his father's title, and both of whom now are with the Canadian forces.

"I feel that I cannot leave Canada without saying thank you to the people of this Dominion who have shown me so much kindness, and given me so much help," she said. Her Excellency also thanked those who aided her in the scheme of providing libraries to supply literature to people in the isolated parts of the Dominion.

BRITISH BOAT HELD UP

SHANGHAI, May 9 (Reuter).—For some unknown reasons the British steamer, Kiangsu, China Navigation Company, was held up for twelve hours by the Japanese naval authorities at Huangwai, near Wenchow (East Chekiang) while on the way to Shanghai from Wenchow on May 6, says the Sinwappao.

Twenty-eight cases of tuberculosis, seven of dysentery, two each of measles and enteric fever and one of diphtheria were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 8.

An order for the confiscation of a revolver and 10 rounds of ammunition was made by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday on the application of Inspector Russell. The weapon was found in Main Street West, Shaikwan, by a constable on May 4.

NEWSETTES

Rev. W. B. Albertson, of Cheng-tu, arrived in the Colony yesterday.

Mr. R. V. Thomas, of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., Shanghai, arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. W. H. Thomas, of the American President Lines, Ltd., was an arrival in Hongkong yesterday.

A Services Concert will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday next, May 16, at 8 p.m.

Mr. R. Baker, of Thos. Cook & Sons, Ltd., Shanghai, accompanied by Mrs. Baker, arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. C. M. Parrin, of the Shanghai Power Co., was a passenger in transit to the North on Wednesday.

Mr. A. W. Ingram will address the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group on Sunday at 9 p.m. on "Impressions of Shanghai."

The annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club will be held on Wednesday next at 9 p.m.

Mr. M. Jacobsen, Tea Dept., East Asiatic Shipping Co., Ltd., Shanghai, arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. W. J. Richards, managing director, Chinese National Wireless Telegraph Co., arrived in the Colony yesterday.

Mr. W. Ghilain, of the Tientsin Tramways, passed through the Colony on Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Ghilain, in their way to the North.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walters, who were married in Hongkong on Wednesday, left for Singapore yesterday. Mr. Walters is Chief Engineer on the s.s. Kau Tong.

Mr. V. Walker, engineer and assistant manager, Hongkong Tramways Ltd., left Hongkong yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Walker.

Mr. A. P. Blunt, C.M.G., British Consul-General at Canton, returned from Home leave yesterday. He is at present staying in Hongkong and will return to Canton in due course. During Mr. Blunt's absence, Mr. W. Stark Toller, O.B.E., was in charge of the Consulate in Shamien.

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CHURCHILL REVIEWS AIR PARITY WITH GERMANY

"OUR NUMERICAL DEFICIENCY HAS CONDEMNED US"

WHY BRITISH FLEET DID NOT GO UP TRONDHEIM FJORD

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, replying to the Debate, said that a new issue was sprung upon the House at 5 p.m. and we are being invited to consider all the faults of the Government. A vote of censure is to be taken unexpectedly, with this little notice on the adjournment tonight.

Regarding the Norwegian Campaign, and the war in general, Mr. Churchill said that in this war we had been frequently asked why we did not take the initiative.

The reason for this serious disadvantage of our not having taken the initiative is one which cannot speedily be removed. It was our failure in the last five years to maintain or regain air parity with Germany.

In the last two years, Opposition parties came round and gave great and valuable aid, but the fact remains that we had failed to achieve air parity which was considered to be vital to our security.

Our numerical deficiency in the air, in spite of our superiority in quality both in men and materials, has condemned us and will condemn us for some time to come to a great deal of difficulty, suffering and danger which we must endure with firmness until more favourable conditions can be established, as assuredly they will be.

It is no use talking about this war in terms of the last war. Power in the air has greatly affected it and in some ways has decisively affected the movements of fleets and

TOOK EXPERT NAVAL OPINION

I am so sorry these things should be so. We, therefore, adopted a submarine blockade as the only method at our disposal and in doing this I followed the opinion of the naval authorities. There is a great deal of difference about being responsible for an order which might lose several valuable ships and expressing opinion without such responsibility.

I had been guided in the advice I gave to the Cabinet by responsible naval expert opinion, therefore we limited our operations in the Skagerrak to submarines.

In order to make that blockade as effective as possible, the usual restrictions which we had imposed on the action of our submarines were relaxed. All German ships, by day or by night, were to be sunk as the opportunity served.

This statement that I made was most foolishly and grotesquely twisted into the statement that all German ships would be sunk. Nobody can give so absurd a promise as that.

This has been a costly German success. Seven or eight thousand men have been drowned and thousands of corpses had been washed up.

-NO BIG SHIP

Replying to the question as to why did we not send a big ship into Narvik on the first day with the destroyers, Mr. Churchill said the reason was that the only one available was a battle cruiser. We had two battle cruisers and we felt it would be a very great danger to the balance of the Fleet if we had lost a battle cruiser.

The authorities in the Admiralty, when H.M.S. Warspite went to Narvik, were very much relieved to find that no controlled mine-fields had been laid in the fjord and that no destroyer was lurking in some narrow angle to fire its bouquet of torpedoes.

Things are very different when looked at beforehand and looked at afterwards. What would have been said if the Warspite had been sunk? It was madness to send one of our most valued ships into narrow and congested waters. If you dare and the forfeit is exacted, it is murder of your sailors, and if prudence withholds, you are craven, cowardly, inept and timid.

AIR ARM WORK

We were asked why did we not go into Bergen, Trondheim and other ports in the first few hours. If troops had not been landed the only object of going up the fjords would be to destroy such enemy destroyers as were there. These were largely destroyed from the air by the Fleet Air Arm.

There is no dispute that our duty was to do our best to help the Norwegians, and for that the capture of Trondheim was the best way. My thoughts had always been fixed on Narvik, for there, it seems, is the path which might lead to some decisive achievement in the war.

and Aandalsnes prevented the landing at those small fishing ports of any large reinforcements and even of artillery and many supplies for the troops landed.

WITHDRAWAL OR DEATH

It was, therefore, necessary to withdraw the troops or leave them to be destroyed by overwhelming forces. The decision to withdraw was undoubtedly sound (Government cheers) and the withdrawal of these troops was accomplished with very great skill and with very good luck. And the responsible naval, military and air authorities principally concerned, and the War Cabinet, were at every stage united.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, intervening, asked if the naval authorities on the spot at Trondheim were willing and anxious to enter Trondheim and whether their desire was countermanded or not sanctioned by Whitehall.

Mr. Churchill replied: "I not only deny it but I give a strong denial. There were no naval authorities on the spot at Trondheim. No authorities that we consulted differed from the advice tendered by the Chiefs of Staff and Vice-Chiefs, but the Ministers are not sheltered by the fact that they accepted expert advice."

GLAD TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. "I always believed that the Navy could carry troops into Trondheim Fjord and land them to come to grips with the enemy. I would have been glad to take all possible responsibility for the attempt provided it was supported by expert opinion."

"But even if we assume that this view is right—that we would be masters at Trondheim or its ruins by April 25—could we have brought to bear a sufficient army south of Trondheim to drive the invader back?"

"Even if we had at the present time got 25,000 or 30,000 Allied troops into action on that front, which in view of the enemy's air superiority is highly questionable, such a force would not have been able to arrive in time or be equipped with artillery or anything like equal air support in time."

IF SWEDEN

"German communications in the north were incomparably superior to anything we could obtain at Trondheim and the auxiliary landing places in the region. It would have been a costly struggle. "There are already 120,000 German troops operating in Southern and Central Norway. Although we could have thrown in continual reinforcements, I cannot believe that there was the slightest chance of success between an army based on Trondheim and the German army based on Oslo."

Mr. Churchill added that if Sweden had come to Norway's aid and had her airports at the disposal of the R.A.F. a different position might have been established.

Government Told Get On Not Get Out

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The importance of the fact that the two-day debate in the House of Commons and the House of Lords was held despite opposition by the military was stressed in a talk from Daventry yesterday by Mr. Cyril Lakin, assistant editor of the Sunday Times.

There has been a good deal of uneasiness at the Norwegian setback, he said. "Criticism came from both the Opposition and Government benches. Looking back at it and taking into consideration yesterday's press comment, Mr. Lakin felt that all this showed the mind and temper of both Parliament and the nation—that they are saying to the Government: to get on and, not get out."

Everyone realises that it is unfair and futile to form judgment on the debate when we know that the defence, in this case the Government, could not reveal all the facts. Comment has been very favourable about Mr. Churchill's new appointment in which he will be responsible for the supervision of all military operations. There is only the fear lest this should be too heavy a load even for him, but that has been provided for. The general impression is that the Prime Minister was rather on the defensive but Mr. Lakin pointed out that it is worth recalling that Mr. Chamberlain had said that his military advisers were against any debate on Norway on the ground that it might give information to the enemy, but the debate was held. The allies are not only defending democracy—but they are defending it democratically.



SIR SAMUEL HOARE

AIR FORCE SPLENDID

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Taking part in the debate, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, said that he proposed to concentrate upon the events of the last month and the part taken in those operations by the R.A.F.

The Germans were in control of all strategic aerodromes in central and southern Norway. That was a critical fact which must never be forgotten when they considered the military operations that subsequently took place.

It meant from the very outset that the R.A.F. was suffering under a handicap as their machines had to fly hundreds of miles backwards and forwards across the North Sea, while the enemy had air bases on the spot.

Sir Samuel praised the R.A.F. men and said that in quality they were a match against any enemy and on reasonably equal terms would take very heavy toll.

Sir Samuel said that two lessons had been learned from the operations in Norway:

1.—The superiority of the British fighter over the German bomber but a strong air power must be met by stronger air power.

2.—The power of the British Air Force striking night after night. The quality of this force, he said, was unsurpassed but the quantity was not nearly big enough.

The momentum of production was now gathering speed.

DEBATE ENDS

NO SPLIT IN COUNTRY

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—In winding up for the Opposition, Mr. A. V. Alexander (Labour), paid tribute to the work of the fighting services in the last four difficult weeks in Scandinavia.

In pressing for a change in the outlook and, if necessary, in the composition of the Government, Mr. Alexander said that they were doing this because they knew the feeling in many parts of the country with regard to those forces who were in Norway.

Mr. Alexander said he was also not satisfied with the explanations given by Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Oliver Stanley and the information given by the Government of the German intentions prior to the invasion of Norway.

"DEFECTS BOTH IN METHODS AND PERSONNEL" — STRABOLGI

GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE KNOWN TRONDHEIM WAS KEY POSITION

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Strabolgi (Labour) moved a motion at the request of the Leader of the Opposition calling attention to "the conduct of the war generally and particularly to the operations in Norway."

Opening with a tribute to the gallantry and devotion to duty of the Services in Scandinavia, Lord Strabolgi made particular mention of "the magnificent quality" of the airmen from the Dominions.

He contended that there was considerable uneasiness about the Government's conduct of affairs and still more about the possibility of their mending their ways.

The Norwegian operations, he said, were a symptom of a disease which must be treated quickly or become chronic. The disease was that there were defects both in the methods and the personnel of the Government. He said that his party had agreed that we were perfectly right in immediately sending what help we could.

But the German plan of attacking Norway in the World War had been known in details for some years by the combined General Staffs and the three fighting services.

The knowledge had not percolated upwards and Mr. Chamberlain was able to say that we had been taken completely by surprise.

The fact was that the men at the top were so occupied with departmental work that they were not free to devote their minds to the prosecution of the war.

Lord Strabolgi criticised the Government for not realising quickly enough that Trondheim was the key to the whole situation. He criticised them for not making a direct attack on the port which "of course would have succeeded."

The present operations in Narvik were of great importance. Other plans must be formulated and the Germans cleared out of Norway.

He considered that there should be a select committee to make inquiry into the campaign.

LORD HANKEY'S REPLY. Lord Hankey spoke of the heroism and competence of our forces in Norway as "a shining example to the nation of good augury for the days to come."

Answering allegations of the lack of intelligence in the reports given concerning the events, Lord Hankey said: "We had a general knowledge that the enemy had assembled troops and shipping and were practising embarkation and disembarkation. But the Norwegians and Danes themselves have close connections with Germany and yet they had not the slightest idea what was going on."

"We really could not know more than the Governments of Norway and Denmark."

Regarding the German plans which Lord Strabolgi had mentioned, Lord Hankey said that there were of course many books of that kind produced.

It was of course known to the Staffs that these plans existed and we had plans ready for emergency operations which would be necessary.

He felt that a great deal too much had been made of the dispersal of the Finnish expedition.

NO MISTAKE MADE. In all circumstances the Government did not feel justified in retaining inactive all these forces and mobilising shipping required for other purposes.

"I am convinced that our decision was right," he said, "and it made no difference."

He submitted that any plan of campaign was as good as could be devised without previous consultation with Norway to which, for reasons well known, Norway had been unable to agree.

Norway's decision placed us under a grave disadvantage at all stages of the affair.

Without preliminary conversations no plans could be concerted to forestall the kind of aggression which the Germans carried out. We were not sufficiently informed about the Norwegian plans or military dispositions.

A DIFFICULT TASK. It was very difficult going to help a country against sudden attack if one was unable to concert arrangements beforehand.

We were forestalled in Norwegian ports because the enemy was not bound by any scruples corresponding to those binding us.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGE. Lord Hankey dealt with the criticism that we were not bringing effective and timely help to the neutrals.

He said that if the Allies won the war there were certain assurances for those enslaved by Nazi tyranny.

If we failed the victims of German aggression would have no hoped whatever or restoration.

We were facing, he said, a far more dangerous challenge than this country had ever met—a challenge which demands every ounce of energy, material, intellectual and spiritual, that this country can summon to its task.

He deprecated the delusion that there was a short cut to victory.

He said he had never disguised from himself what an immense strain would be imposed on us or that it would largely depend on our capacity to keep steady and marshal our efforts without waste or dissipation of vital energy.

Therefore, he hoped the Government would not be deflected from their main purpose but would act as and when it appeared to them in the light of the best possible technical advice with action best calculated to achieve results.

AMATEUR STRATEGISTS

He would be greatly alarmed if the amateur strategists who were shouting for immediate action had command of affairs.

Nothing would lead to more disaster than to yield to temptation for large scale adventures.

Dealing with Mr. Churchill's new duties, Lord Hankey hoped that the result would be to give valuable assistance in the direction of higher strategy of war.

Replying to questions whether matters of supply would fall within Mr. Churchill's power, Lord Hankey said he did not doubt that Mr. Churchill naturally would be in a position to have any investigation he wished made into any question of supply. He could suggest any improvement in organisation and could bring any bottle neck questions to the Cabinet for solution.

COMMON IDEAL

With reference to the construction of the War Cabinet and a suggestion for a smaller non-departmental body, Lord Hankey said that they all wanted the same thing, namely the despatch of business as efficiently as might be. But it would be very rash to assume that all the advantages in this argument were on one side.

There was a very real danger that the apparent simplification would simply introduce another cog into the machine and cause additional delay.

They all had one purpose—winning the War. If it was, at any time, thought that other men could do the job better, then any member of the Government, as far as he was aware, would be willing to be relieved of a responsibility that could bring no personal satisfaction but which would be only a burden.

UNNECESSARY STRAIN

Nobody who was doing his best would have the right to mind but ought to welcome being told of his mistakes.

Lord Hankey said it did not matter from the point of view of the Government that a large percentage of the criticism was bound to be only partially informed and at the same time based on fuller knowledge than was available to the Government when they took their action. But when the effect of the criticism was to suggest to the country that its war effort was misconceived and misapplied by those responsible for its own ends, it could only add unnecessarily and unprofitably to the inevitable strain of war.

No division was taken in the House of Lords.

NO LACK OF VIGOUR

Lord Hankey declared that no charge of lack of vigour or decision could be sustained in respect of the Navy or Air Force.

As far as Narvik was concerned he did not think it could be maintained for one moment that the Government or Services displayed the smallest lack of vigour or decision.

"With regard to Central Norway, he said that the political advantages of action were so over-riding as to justify some risk. The Government did not undertake the risks but decided without a moment's unnecessary delay that these risks should be run."

It was not necessary or advisable that he should attempt to state the precise reasons why the naval bombardment at Trondheim was not undertaken. "It would involve a mass of details and assist the enemy."

INQUIRY DEPRECATED

The Government took this decision after giving full consideration to the opinion of its responsible advisers.

Referring to the landing of troops in the Trondheim area, Lord Hankey mentioned that on April 20 a ship in convoy, loaded with anti-aircraft guns, motor transport, ammunition and other valuable stores, was torpedoed and sunk. It was the only transport sunk during the whole campaign and it was a particularly serious loss at that juncture.

Lord Hankey deprecated the inquiry and said the set back would not prevent us from winning the war.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

He pointed out that the operations in Norway had drawn some eight or nine German divisions and a huge air force away from the main theatre of war into Norway where they sustained very heavy casualties.

We ought not to be depressed, he said, at the withdrawal but to take comfort that that our forces comported themselves in a manner equal to the great traditions of the past.

NATION'S UNITY

Lord Snell said that the Labour Party wished to reassert in the strongest way the essential unity of the nation concerning the principles for which the country was at war. "There has not been, nor will there be, either retreat or division."

"In resisting the evil trinity of Might, against Right, Despotism against Freedom and Totalitarianism against Democracy, there are no parties or divisions."

NOT A DISASTER

Lord Birdwood said that it was wrong to describe the evacuation of Central Norway as a disaster. It would not influence our final victory and he regarded the evacuation as a definite achievement of valour, but very different from what happened in Gallipoli where our troops were taken right away from the theatre of war, while in Norway they are being retained for such operations as might be thought advisable, after full consultation with the Staff.

He trusted the Government would agree that in future the whole object will be to strike hard, night and day, irresistibly. He hoped that British and French troops will be employed in never-ending raids on the whole German communications.

The small German detachments should be absolutely wiped out and the Norwegian people should be behind them in that.

LORD TRENCHARD

Lord Trenchard said that it was extremely doubtful whether the capture of Trondheim would have given us air superiority. It might have made things a thousand times more dangerous.

RESPONSIBILITY SHARED

Lord Hankey, replying to the Debate, said: "It is not possible

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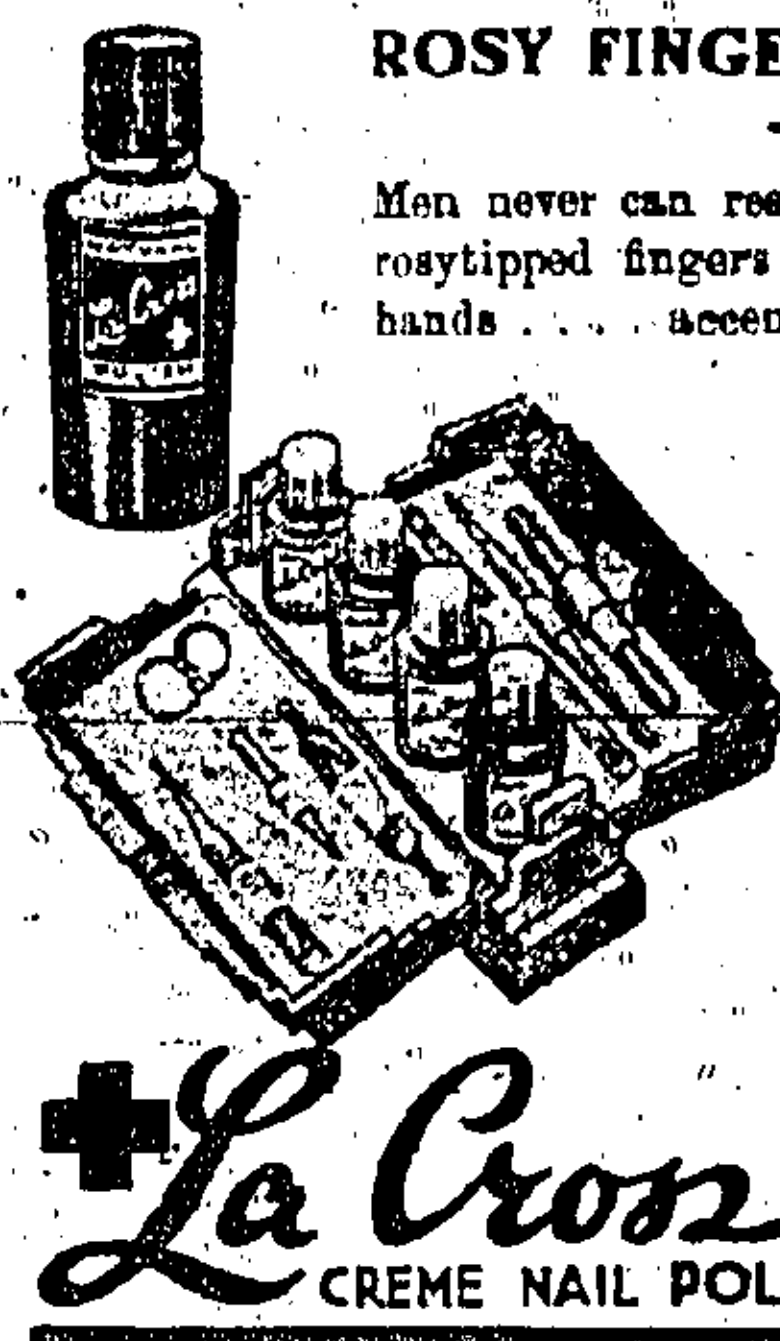
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HONGKONG MUSIC LOVERS will have the opportunity of hearing Mme. Francesca Denies in a song recital at the Peninsula Hotel on May 16.

Gluck's Opera

Mme. Denies, who returned from Shanghai last month after a very successful concert with the Municipal Orchestra, will open her programme with the Recitativo Cavatine "C'este Nuit" from the first act of Gluck's Opera "Iphigenie en Tauride." This work was enthusiastically received in Shanghai.

Although Gluck was an Austrian and the Opera has been performed in German, Italian, English and French, it was originally sung in French at the Academie de Musique, Paris in 1779. The French version of the work will be sung at the recital on the 16th.

Sense of Balance

The absence of vocal "fireworks" and the lovely sense of balance between the orchestra and the voice, make this piece a favourite with English audiences, who are, generally speaking, not impressed with the gaudy, passionate arias of the later school of operatic composers. It is a piece pre-eminently suitable for the concert platform. The later, and, perhaps, more melodious school of opera will be represented by arias from the works of Puccini and Massenet.

Groups of English and Flemish songs and two short favourites by Tosti and Dvorak will complete the vocal side of the programme.

Mr. Harry Orr, who will accompany the singer, will contribute two short pieces from Chopin, a Scriabin Impromptu and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 8.

DOCTOR CONDEMNS Wasp - Waists

Dr. D. H. Deyoe, assistant medical adviser of Cornell University, condemned the currently popular wasp-waist in fashions when he spoke before a New York organization.

Not Squeamish

"The women of Queen Elizabeth's time," he said, "were not squeamish; they did not faint at the slightest provocation but from the pressure of their foundation garments on the nerve centers, the solar plexus."

Nor did they die of broken hearts, but rather from chlorosis, commonly known as green anemia; caused by the impairment of their blood. This was the direct result of pressure on the liver.

Effect on Health

Dr. Deyoe said he wasn't trying to scare the ladies, but he urged them to look behind women's fashions and consider their effect on health.

Round The Shops

WARM AND RAINY WEATHER makes life unduly hard and Hong Kong has had plenty of both during the past few days. Women, in fitting up their summer wardrobes must, therefore, make provision for all such occasions, as the displays in the shop windows of Hong Kong's leading millinery establishments will show.

Oil Silk Raincoats:

JUST THE THINGS to meet rainy days are on show now at Lane, Crawford's Ladies Salon. They are a perfectly delightful range of raincoats in oil silks and capes of the same material. The umbrellas, which go to match these capes and coats, are designed most daintily and make a splendid show. Lane, Crawford's are selling these in sets and have priced them most reasonably. Raincoats and capes and umbrellas are also available here in plain and spotted designs.

Colours in Hats:

HATS ARE THE ORDER of the week at Mayo's in the Arcade. Their new shipment of headgear has exceeded all anticipations, and chic and smart hats are on display in a wide range of colours and styles, as well as in neat and simple white models. Chief attention will undoubtedly be paid to their large assortment of white and black styles with veils—each with its own prettiness and charm. Mayo's also have plain styles and their selection will be found to suit all fancies, with brims either large or small to please every taste.

Evening Wear:

REALLY DISTINCTIVE evening wear is on display this week at Rivelle's, in the Arcade. Designed and modelled in nets, cottons and silks, these evening gowns are a sacrifice at the prices which Rivelle is asking for them. They are the embodiment of the latest styles from abroad and are the most fashionable of the day. Rivelle has also got a large selection of afternoon dresses for the summer in cottons, which are most in demand this season. Slacks and playsuits for the outdoor woman are a special line which is bound to be found most attractive.

Manila Hats:

HATS STYLED to any design is the slogan which Remé, in the Asia Life Building, has adopted in her business and she certainly carries it out to perfection. Such a variety of forms and shapes is seldom found in one establishment—but then, Remé is out to please everybody. Remé also has a wonderful range of Manila hats: snoods and flowers in her stock and a new lot of headgear to tempt Hong Kong's womenfolk, is due to arrive early next week.

Vanity Opens:

ANOTHER NEW FASHION HOUSE opened its doors this week—Vanity, at No. 6, Pedder Street. With goods displayed to the best advantage and a management that is out to satisfy the customer to every exacting detail, prospects are certainly bright for Vanity. A large range of new goods is there to attract the customer—Beautiful evening gowns, styled and designed on the latest fashion demands, day dresses in fascinating colours and models and a host of other goods at remarkably reasonable prices. Vanity has a special line in cosmetics made by the well-known Jaquet, of New York—cosmetics which cleanse, refresh, nourish and tone the complexion of the most delicate skins. Women callers will also be widely interested in Vanity's selection of perfumes by such famous makers as Faberge and Nite. American columnists have described these perfumes as provocative, alluring and irresistible. The entrance to Vanity's is through N. Lazarus.

FASHION NEWS

The tiny "mirror" that Ann Rutherford carries isn't a hand-mirror at all—it's a vanity case and is just shaped like the mirror. Coveted with cellophane yarn that the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress, crocheted herself, the vanity is just large enough to hold a tiny puff and comb. Earrings crocheted in circles match the vanity, and the starlet uses the set with a white dinner dress.

"There is no such thing as not having any time for exercise," says Florence Rice, and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress cites one instance wherein exercise can be obtained every day. She advises walking up stairs. And when walking, take two or three steps at a time and it will loosen and stretch tight calf muscles.



THE IDEAL SUMMER WEAR which Ann Morris, M.G.M. player, uses to relax in on a warm afternoon. A red and white striped blouse with tailored white Sharkskin coat—and shorts make a charming ensemble.

Fashion Decrees

SUITS TO COMPLIMENT APPEARANCE

SUITS OF THE NEW SUMMER SEASON hold no hidden terrors for the women whose silhouette leans to the short and stout. In seasons past the selfsame suits that added tremendous flattery to a tall, well-proportioned figure had a way of turning less junoesque women into sad caricatures.

Innovations:

Now, thanks to the innovations introduced into suit models, every woman, no matter what her figure, can find a suit to compliment her appearance. The slim tulleur, while it still remains the basic suit style, no longer is the only model available.

Jackets vary from the tiny bolero for the short to long, tunic length for tall women and between the two extremes is a wide selection of fitted jackets, suitable to every figure variation.

Tailoring, the suits has been softened to add a new feminine appearance. A few hints of military are sometimes added for contrast.

Gray Model:

Smart for the wardrobe of half-pint size is a gray dressmaker model, the skirt plain gray and the gray jacket horizontally striped

with white. The jacket, a fitted bolero, stops at the high waist line and two patch pockets of the jacket material decorate the slim skirt front. A double row of buttons closes the bolero front.

For the woman with a tiny waist, there's a hip-length, fitted jacket in satin bound black tulle. The waist is tightly buttoned but opens at the neck to reveal a frothy jabot of white lace. The skirt has only a slight fullness. Pin a bright bouquet high on the shoulder and the outfit has the fragile, feminine appeal so desired for spring.

Newest Style:

The newest style of all, the tunic length, is shown in a navy suit. Its four pockets and collar as well as the long row of brass buttons to close the jacket have a military air. White pique brightens the standup collar and the cuffs.

Another longer jacket style is in chalk stripe suiting with the jacket ending well below the hips. Five white buttons close the jacket which is trimmed with two horizontal pockets on the breast.

You'll also find peplum jackets and the other briefer styles.

Navy and black are the popular colours with gray close third. Touches of red are used for exciting additions to these colours.

NEW HATS FOR OLD!

SMARTEST AT SMALL COST

YOU MAY HAVE an old felt hat pushed away in some cupboard. Here's a simple method of making it into the latest and smartest thing at a very small cost.

Cellulose Paper:

All you require for it is one sheet of cellulose paper 40in. x 36in. to tone in colour with your old felt hat. Cellophane paper, as it is commonly called, is made in chocolate, blue, green, red, violet, amber, tango and pink. So you can see that you have a wide range to match your old hat. The colourless paper, when worked, looks charming with white.

Take your old felt hat and completely unpick it. Take off all trimmings and the brim. Give the crown a very good brush and clean off dirty marks.

Now take your sheet of cellophane paper and cut in into strips of 2-1/2in. This is very simply done if you fold the sheet in half and slit along the fold with a knife (the fold is 36in. long). Again fold the two pieces lengthways and slit along the fold. Continue doing this until your strips measure 2-1/2in. x 36in.

Three Strips:

Take three strips of the cellophane and plait them to-

gether fairly tightly so that the width of your plait is about three-quarters of an inch. When you have come to the end of these three strips stick with spirit gum three more strips, one on to each end of the original strips, and continue plaiting until all the cellophane is used up. You will then have a long length of "straw."

Take the end of the straw and join it into a loop sufficiently large to go comfortably round your head, stitching the join with needle and thread. Now work round this loop, stitching the straw to it and just overlapping each row. Use large stitches as small stitches cut the cellophane. Each row should be larger than the last so that the brim will slant out from the first loop. You will want three, or four rows and the end of the straw should be finished very neatly.

Pin Together:

Put on the felt crown and then put the brim on over it at the angle that suits you. Pin them together and then take the hat off. It may be necessary to cut away some of the crown if the felt shows beneath the brim. Stitch the crown and brim together.

Cut a piece of felt from the old felt brim about 2in. by 7in. and tie it in a knot. Point the ends of felt and stitch the knot to the hat. (It does not matter if the strip of felt is slightly rounded and not quite straight.)

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NEWS OF BELTS

A gay belt may be a lifesaver to a tormented little workaday frock and such a lifesaver can be made from a length of velvet ribbon.

Here is one which encircled an afternoon dress. This is how it should be copied.

Cut a length to fit your waist, then sew press fasteners on. Loop two ends of velvet into a "bustle-bow" for the back, and to complete this Victorian conceit, stitch a couple of large flat flowers (the colour should match the frock) where the knot comes.

Embroidered belts can be pretty—a navy material belt worked with scarlet tulips all in a row like soldiers is amusing, and a dainty piece of work which can be done in one evening. Belts in suede are popular with light frocks. A matching posy of suede flowers pinned at the neck is an attractive idea. Many London shops are selling the two-belt and flower-together.

A BREATH OF SPRING



Virginia Grey, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starlet, in a new spring creation. A tight fitting skull cap of black felt with two upstanding wired felt ears encircled by layers of white silk straw. Fine net embroidered with yarn daisies cascades to a below-the-shoulder veil.

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Volume Of Business Transacted on Thursday, May 9, 1940.

A.S. Watsons 100 \$ 8.90
China Providents 1,000 4.5
H.K. Docks Rts. 400 6.50
H.K. Tramways 200 17.45
H.K. Telephone (N) 550 10.20
Star Ferries 100 64.00

The total value is \$26,870.00.

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ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—M. Malsky called on Lord Halifax yesterday afternoon. Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that the conversation dealt with the question of resumption of Anglo-Soviet trade.

It is understood that Lord Halifax made certain observations on the last Soviet communication and did not request further information on various matters of detail.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY 9 MAY.

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Shanghai Lands & Bldgs. 292

H.K. Real Estate 292

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Chinese Estates 292

Chinese Troops Strike Back Heavily

Japanese Forces In Honan Unfavourably Placed

CHUNGKING, May 9 (Central).—Chinese forces in south Honan, north Hupeh, and south Shansi continue to strike back heavily at the invaders, according to despatches from the front.

With their rear cut off the Japanese tanks were destroyed and heavy Japanese casualties were inflicted. Fighting continues at this sector.

In south Shansi, the Japanese have suffered a crushing defeat at Tungfungchen west of Yang-cheng. Tungfungchen has been subsequently recaptured. The Japanese are retreating to the east and the north in separate groups. The Chinese are reported to be pushing toward Yang-cheng.

On the Changtien-Maoistung sector, several strategic points have been recaptured by the Chinese. The Japanese are retreating toward the north. Serious losses have also been sustained by the Japanese at Tsin-cheng, east of Yancheng, as a result of repeated Chinese assaults in the past few days.

CHINESE OFFICERS DECORATED

CHUNGKING, May 9 (Central).—The National Government yesterday conferred decorations upon a number of army officers for meritorious services in battle.

General Pang Ping-hsun was awarded the Order of the Celestial Flag of the Second Grade and Generals Sun Tung-hsuan, Ho Chu-kuo and Miao Cheng-lu were awarded the Order of the Celestial Flag of the Third Grade. Lieut-Generals Kuo Chi-ling, Fet Chang-hui, Tseng Wan-chung, Chih Feng-cheng, Huang Sui-kang and Mow Chung-yen were awarded the Order of the Sacred Tripod of the Third Grade. Lieut-Generals Wen Chao-chi, Pan Han-chieh, Liu Po-cheng, Wu Shao-chow, Wang Chang-hai, Lu Cheng-erh, Chin Tze-ieh, Tung An-yen, Yu Nien-chih, Chang Ching-wei, Chow Yu-ying, Wang Ching-tsai and Sun Lan-feng were awarded the Order of the Sacred Tripod of the Fourth Grade.

TIN RESERVES IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The possibility of building up tin reserves in the United States by means of reconstruction of the Finance Corporation Loan to Holland is being considered by officials of the State, Navy and War Department. The plan would involve a loan of about fifty-million dollars as security for which the Dutch would store about fifty-thousand tons of tin in the United States. The suggestion has not yet reached the stage of a formal proposal.



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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 10 to 18 May 1940.

Date	Time	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri. 10	10.16	7.3	0.06	3.0	0.0
Sat. 11	00.18	4.5	0.03	3.2	0.0
Sun. 12	01.12	4.4	0.02	3.4	0.0
Mon. 13	01.18	4.2	0.04	3.6	0.0
Tue. 14	01.22	4.0	0.05	3.8	0.0
Wed. 15	01.26	3.8	0.06	4.0	0.0
Thur. 16	01.30	3.6	0.07	4.2	0.0

MISSION STATIONS IN CHINA

Commons' Queries On Evacuation

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons.) asked, in the House of Commons yesterday, how many missionary stations had evacuated owing to the anti-British movement fostered by the Japanese in Honan, Shantung, Shansi and Honan, resulting in over 10,000 hospital beds being closed, and whether the Prime Minister will make representations to the Japanese Government that the continued encouragement of the anti-British movement will render impossible the improvement of relations with Japan.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that, according to the latest information, 25 missionary stations had evacuated from the four provinces, including ten hospitals.

As the result of representations to the Japanese Government, added Mr. Butler, some improvement had recently taken place.

Mr. Hannah: Does the Japanese Government want to improve relations with this country?

No reply was given.
Sir C. G. Gibson (Cons.) asked whether alternative steps had been taken as regards accommodation for mission stations.
Mr. Butler replied that the matter had been taken in hand.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The quietness in the market remains undisturbed.

BUYERS

H. K. Banks, \$1485
Docks, Cum. Rts., \$21.
Sinceres, \$230.

Wm. Fowell, \$130.
Entertainments, \$730.

SELLERS

H. K. Banks, \$1500.
Lands, \$37.
Electrics, \$64.

SALES

Docks, Rts., \$81.
Hotels, \$435/20.

Trams, \$17.40.
Star Ferries, \$84.

Telephones (Old), \$28.
Telephones (New), \$10.20.
Chinese Estates, \$103.

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(REUTER'S SERVICE)

LONDON, May 8. The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1922)	101-3/16	Chosen Corporation	6/8
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	15	Pekin Syndicate	2
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	58	Shal Elec. Constr. Co.	15
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	52	Shal Waterworks "A"	15
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1903	50	Union Insurance	28
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	24 1/2	Gula Kalumpung Rubber	18/8
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1912	33 1/2	Allied Ironfounders	13/9
Chinese 3% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	11	Asso. & Elec. Industries	40/1 1/2
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	60	Austin Motors, ord.	15/8
Honan Rly. 5%	15	Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	54 1/2
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911	19	B-A. Tob. (bearer)	101/9
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	16	Mexican Eagle	122
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	21	Cammell Laird, ord.	6/10 1/2
Shai-N'King Rly. 5%	13	Mexican Eagle	6/11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	13	Courtauld's	37/3
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	13	Distillers	65/8
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13	Dunlop Rubber	33/3
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13	Gen. Electric (England)	79/10 1/2
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	42 1/2	Guinness (A) Scn & Co.	78/8
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	49	Hawker Siddeley Airs.	12/7 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	64	Bristol Aeroplane	14/3
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Rk.)	94	Imperial Chemical Ind.	31/8
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	92	Imperial Tobacco	110
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	92	Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	40
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	20/4 1/2	Rolls Royce	85

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
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On London:—	Telegraphic Transfer. 1/8 13/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 13/16	Credits 4 months sight 1 31/16
On Shanghai:—	On demand 440
On Singapore:—	On demand 53 1/2
On Japan:—	On demand 56 1/2
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer. 82 1/4
On New York:—	Bank Bills, on demand 20 1/4
Credits, 60 days sight 21 1/8	On Batavia:—
On demand 37 7/8	On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 100 1/2	Credits 4 months sight 114 1/2
On Saigon:—	On demand 108 1/4
On Manila:—	On demand 40 1/2
On Bangkok:—	On demand 150
On Sterling Notes:—	Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz. 20 7/8	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS

Silver prices dropped 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 7/8 for Ready and 20 13/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported a small business done. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 332 3/4.

Market

Quiet.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/2 7/8 May/November, buyers at 1/2 29/32 for any delivery.

U. S. Dollars

Steady. Opened with sellers at 20 9/16 but business was soon done at 20 11/16 for Cash followed by a small transaction at 20 3/4 for cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 20 11/16 May 20 5/8 first half June and 20 1/2 July, buyers at 20 3/4 Cash, 20 11/16 first half June and probably 20 9/16 July.

Shanghai Dollars

Opened at 439 but gradually dropped and towards 1 p.m. business was done at 425 for Spot. There were sellers probably at 425 for Spot, buyers at 426.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 11/32 but later firmed up to 3 15/32, buyers probably at 3 1/2 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 45 5/8. The lowest rate reported was 43 1/16 sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/2 7/8 May/November, buyers at 1/2 29/32 for any delivery.

U. S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 20 11/16 first half June, 20 5/8 May, 20 9/16 first half June and 20 1/2 July, buyers at 20 3/4 Cash, 20 11/16 first half June and 20 9/16 first half August.

Shanghai Dollars

Business was done this afternoon at 426 and 428. At the close there were sellers at 427.

Shanghai Market

Probable sellers of Sterling at 3 15/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 9 (Reuter).	
Official T.T. Rates	
Opening	
London	0/3-1/8
New York	4-3/8
Japan	18-1/4
India	17-1/4
Paris	2-3/8
Hongkong	20-7/8

Sellers

Spot	0/3-11/32	0/3-15/32
May	0/3-1/4	0/3-25/64

U. S. Dollars

Spot	\$4-5/8	\$4-13/16
May	4-15/32	4-11/16

Market: Quiet but steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/3-5/32.

U. S. Dollars, \$4-1/2.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 9-3/4 per cent.

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, May 8, 1940.

	Previous	May 8	Change
Closing	Opening	Closing	
SINGAPORE RUBBER			
Buyers	Buyers		
S P O T	37 cts.	37-1/8	37-3/8
JULY-SEPT.	35-5/8	35-3/4	36-1/8
OCT-DEC.	34-7/8	35 cts.	35-1/4

	Previous	Today's	Change
buyers	buyers		
LONDON RUBBER			
S P O T	11-5/16	11-1/2	up 1/8
J U N E	11-7/16	11-5/8	up 1/16
JULY-SEPT.	11-3/8	11-5/8	up 1/8
OCT-DEC.	11-1/4	11-7/16	up 3/16

Market firm on covering at price from overseas and the international situation, together with outside buying. Later, the market improved on short-covering and American buying. Sellers were reserved.

NEW YORK COTTON: Foreign hedging and liquidation was well taken. The tone improved in sympathy with other markets due to fears of a further extension of war. The possibility of a higher loan basis is a stimulating factor.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Fears of an invasion to Holland were reflected in higher rubber prices. Factories were apparent good buyers of physicals and futures. The c.i.f. position is tight.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Further European tension is causing heavy short-covering. There are complaints of rain in the South-West which are lowering the quality. According to Broomhall, the 1940 wheat crop in Europe is expected to be below normal.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 147.74; Today's close, 147.96; Change, up 22.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
			Prev. Today's	
New York Cotton, July	10.25	10.21	10.25	02 off
New York Rubber, July	20.06	19.88	19.72	19.55b
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	105 1/2	105 1/4	104	105 1/4
Chicago Corn, Sept.	67 1/2	65 1/2	65	67 1/2
New York Hides, June	13.56	13.57	13.50	13.59
NEW YORK COTTON				
May	10.54/54	10.49/49	10.55/55	01 up
July	10.25/25	10.23/23	10.23/23	02 off
July (New contract)	10.40 N	10.39/39	10.39/40	01 off
October	9.83/83	9.80/80	9.83/83	unch.
December	9.83/83	9.80/80	9.83/83	01 up
January	9.81/81	9.80/80	9.83/83	02 up
March	9.51/51	9.50/50	9.53 N	02 up
Spot	10.69 N		10.67 N	02 off

Total sales Tuesday:—80,900 bales.

The last notice days for May cotton:—22 5/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER

May	19.92		20.35 N	43 up
July	19.72/73	19.88/90	19.55b/99a	23 up
September	19.22/22	19.35/40	19.45/45	23 up
December	18.91/92	19.07/08	19.05/05	14 up
January	18.88 N	19.03/02	19.04/04	18 up

Total sales:—2,600 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	105 1/2	105 1/2	107 1/2	1 up
July	103 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	14 up
September	104 1/4	104 1/4	105 1/2	14 up

Tuesday's sales:—18,906,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	65/65		66 1/2	14 up
July	65 1/2	65 1/2	67 1/2	14 up
September	66 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	14 up

WINNEPEG WHEAT

May	88 1/2		88 1/2	1 up
July	90 b	90/90	90 1/2	
October	92 1/2		92 1/2	

NEW YORK HIDES

June	13.50/50	13.50b/50a	13.59/61	09 up
September	13.80/81	13.90/91	13.88b/91a	06 up
December	14.05/09	14.15/15	14.15/16	10 up

New York Official 34-3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 3.37-1/2

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, May 8 (Reuter).	
Silver—Little Indian selling encountered poor support. Business small. Market quietly steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady, with small buyers at the rate.	
Spot, 20-7/8d.	
Forward, 20-13/16d.	
BOMBAY SILVER	
Bombay, May 8 (Reuter).	
Market—Quiet. Otfake 50 bars	
Indian Mint Silver	
Ready	60-01
June 3 Settlement	60-02
July 2 Settlement	60-06

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 8 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 93-5/8.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 8 (Reuter).

Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-12-0.

BOMBAY EXCHANGES

Bombay, May 9 (Reuter).	
Opening	
London	1/5-31/32
Japan	93-5/8
New York	332-1/2
Shanghai	21-1/4
Hongkong	83-1/2

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, May 8 (Reuter).

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Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)	25,265	25,178
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India	5,338	5,250
Gold Coin and Bullion in India	4,154	4,154
Securities (Indian Government)	3,835	3,835
Securities (British Government)	11,650	11,650

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 8 (Reuter).

TIN	
buyers	
sellers	
Standard, Cash	255
Standard, 3 months	252-3/4
Standard, 6 months	253

LONDON GOLD

London, May 8 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

STOCKS	Last Sale	(REUTER'S SERVICE)	STOCKS	Last Sale
	May 8			May 8
Adams Express	7 1/2	Kennecott Copper	35	
Allegheny Steel Co.	25 1/2	Lakey Foundry & Mac.	4 1/2	
Allied Stores	81	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	49 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	33 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	38 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	98 1/2	Loew's Inc.	34 1/2	
Amer. Can.	114 1/2	Lott Incorporated	34 1/2	
American Cyanamid Co.	36 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	25 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	13	Martin, Glen L.	43 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	24 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26 1/2	
American Gas & Elec.	35 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	117 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	19 1/2	Montgomery Ward	46 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	22	National Aviation	14 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	8	Nat. Dairy Products	17 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	Nat. Distillers	24 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and F'ing Co.	49 1/2	National Gypsum	9 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	20 1/2	National Lead	20 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	8	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	90 1/2	National Steel Corp.	65 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	10	National Supply Corp.	9	
Anaconda Copper	29 1/2	New York Central	15 1/2	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	21 1/2			
Auburn Motors	4 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	7 1/2	N. American Aviation	22 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	18 1/2	North American Co.	22 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	8 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	15 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	61 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	11 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	32 1/2	
Bell Aircraft Corp.	28 1/2	Pacific Lighting	45 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	80 1/2	Pan-American Airways	22 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	20 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	24 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2	
Borg-Warner	21 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	36 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	13 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	1 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	23 1/2	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	8	
Brooklyn-Manhattan \$6	106 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	41 1/2	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Pullman Inc.	23 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy	5	Pure Oil	11 1/2	
Case, J.I.	67 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	6 1/2	
Celanese	34 1/2	Reading Company, Com	—	
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2	Reading Company, 1st pfd	—	
Chrysler Corp.	85 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	37 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	6 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	82 1/2	Republic Steel	20 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	13 1/2	
Columbia Gas, "A" pf.	83 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	43 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	41	Richfield Oil	7 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11	Safeway Stores	47 1/2	
Coca-Cola	25 1/2	Schenley Distillers	13 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	32	Sears Roebuck	85 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2	
Continental Can	45 1/2	Socom-Vacuum Oil	10 1/2	
Continental Oil	23 1/2	Southern Pacific	12	
Copperweld Steel	24 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	26 1/2	
Corn Products	59 1/2	Sperry	43 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C)	10 1/2	Splert Manufacturing Co.	34 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	29	Standard Brands	7 1/2	
Deere & Co.	22 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	14 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	10 1/2	Standard Oil of California	22 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	92	Standard Oil of N.J.	42 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	187 1/2	Stone & Webster	9 1/2	
Eagle Pitcher Lead	10 1/2	Studebaker Com.	10	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2	Swift International	29 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	39 1/2	Technicolor	14 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	6 1/2	Texas Corp.	48 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	50	Texas Gulf Sulphur	34 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	69 1/2	Timken-Axle	27	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	34	Trans-America Co.	5 1/2	
Flisk Rubber	13 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	8 1/2	
Flintkote	18	20th Cent. Fox, \$1 1/2 pf.	—	
Gen. American Trans.	53	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	17 1/2	
Gen. Electric	36 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	81 1/2	
Gen. Motors	54 1/2	Union Pacific	94 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	16 1/2	United Aircraft	50 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	17 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	21 1/2	
Glidden Co.	17 1/2	United Corp.	24	
Goodrich (B.F.)	16 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	37 1/2	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	62 1/2	United Gas Corp.	31	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	20 1/2	United Gas Improvement	12 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	26 1/2	
Great Northern Ry, pfd.	27 1/2	U.S. Rubber	29	
Great Western Sugar	26 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	98 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	14 1/2	U.S. Steel	60 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	96 1/2	Vanadium	38 1/2	
Homestake Mining	55 1/2	Vultec Aircraft	10	
International Harvester	53 1/2	Walworth Co.	54	
Int Nickel	28 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	34	
Inter. Paper & Power	20 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	114 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	31 1/2	Woodward Iron Corp.	28 1/2	
Johns-Manville	70	Chase National Bank	34 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel \$7 pfd.	63 1/2	National City Bank	28 1/2	

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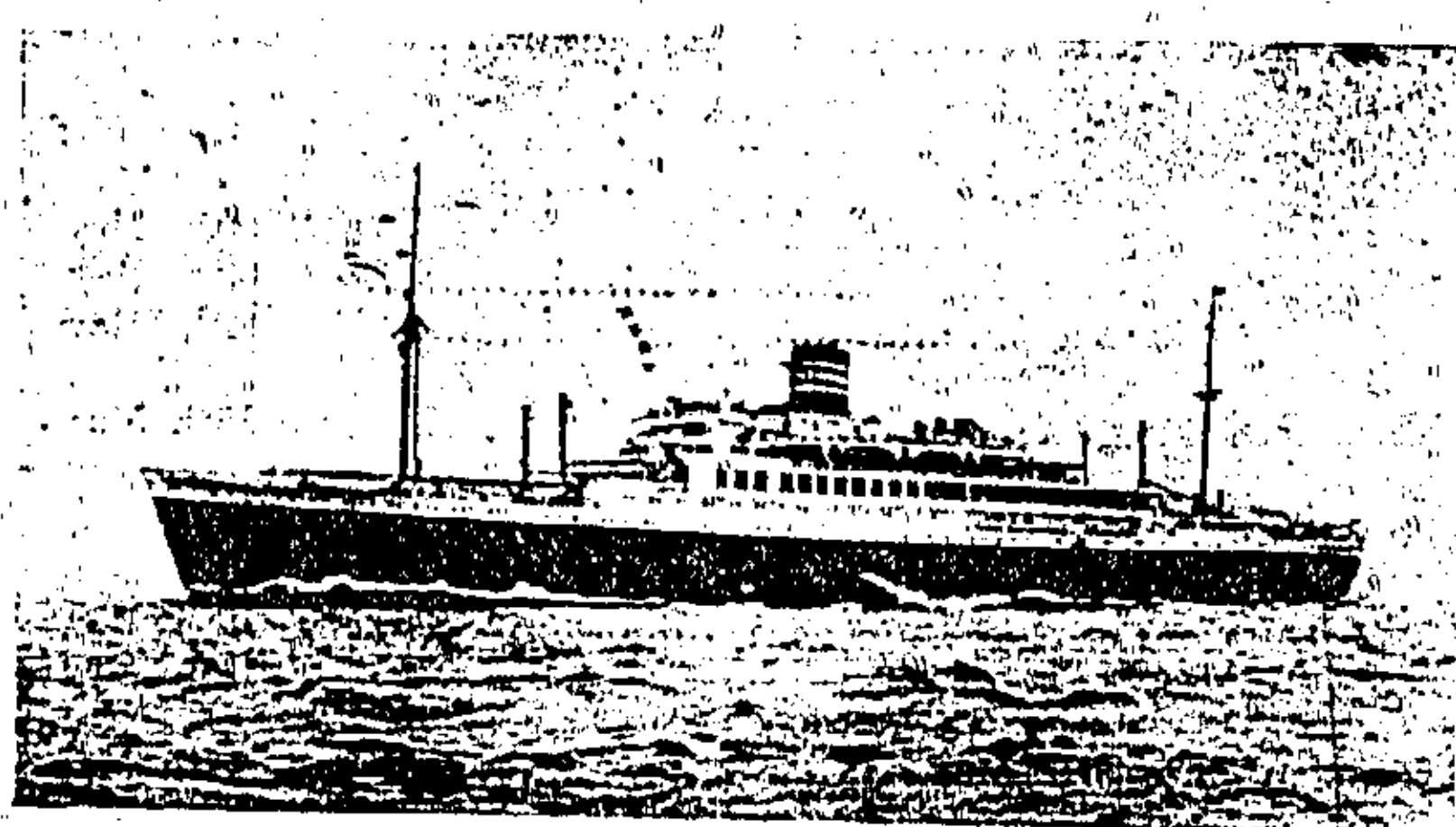
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Colony Water Storage

The total storage in Island reservoirs as at May 1, 1940, was 1,497.67 millions gallons as compared with 1,831.15 million gallons last year, according to the water returns for the month of April. Tytam Tuk storage was 778.88 millions gallons compared with 808.00 last year.

An estimated population of 950,000 consumed 446.65 million gallons as against 350,000 at an average consumption of 21.2 gallons per head per day.

The rainfall recorded during April was as follows:—Botanical Gardens 8.46 ins.; Tytam Tuk 8.89; Tytam 9.39; Wongneichong 8.32; Pokfulam 7.39; Aberdeen 7.43.

THE MAINLAND

A total storage of 1,855.78 million gallons was recorded in the Mainland reservoirs as compared with 1,591.30 million gallons as at May 1, 1939. Jubilee Reservoir had 1,168.87 as against 1,121.33 million gallons last year.

An estimated population of 890,000 consumed a total of 315.90 million gallons as compared with 500,000 for the same period last year at an average consumption of 16.8 gallons per head per day.

APRIL SHOWERS

Rainfall recorded during April was as follows:—Royal Observatory 8.320 inches; Shing Mun (No. 1) 10.14; Shing Mun (No. 2) 10.74; Shing Mun (No. 3) 9.99; Shing Mun (No. 4) 9.84; Shing Mun (No. 5) 10.20; Kowloon 11.44; Sheklipui 10.57; Tai Po 12.00; Fanling 8.92; Un Long 9.88; Tai Lam Chung 8.49.

The total rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory from Jan. 1, 1940, to April 30, was 22.495 ins., as compared with 20.460 ins. during the corresponding period last year.

GRANT TO FOOD KITCHENS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China recently approved the following grants, and cheques have accordingly been sent to the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council:—

For Food kitchens \$10,000.00.
For Social Service Centre of the Churches, in connection with their refugee work \$3,000.00.

Members of the Theosophical Society heard an interesting lecture given by Dr. A. Fung on "Destiny and Free Will" in the Manuk Lodge yesterday evening.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., May 9.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.83 ins.
Temperature, 82 F.
Humidity, 84 per cent.
Wind Direction, S/W
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature, maximum yesterday, 84 F.
Temperature, minimum last night, 77 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.03 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st 23.90 ins.
Against an average of, 13.50 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5.46 a.m.
4 p.m., May 9.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.73 ins.
Temperature, 83 F.
Humidity, 81 per cent.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 86 F.
Minimum temperature, 77 F.
Rainfall, nil.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB TIFFIN

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largely to her own faults. For instance, Japan occupied the leading place in China's foreign trade, previous to the war in 1937. She was spending large sums on armament, which could be well used in economical fields.

"China could never become communist, nor could there be a Chinese type of communism—advanced agrarian communism. Japan's fear of communism was not a basic factor, it was used only to camouflage her ambitious programme of continental expansion. All her interests, commercial and political, could have been assured by a commercial treaty and non-aggression pact with China."

China's miraculous unity, under one government and one leader as well as her reconstruction was the subject of interest at the Conference, according to Dr. Yen, who was of the opinion that this unification would continue after the war.

THIRD POWERS

In treating the foreign policies of Third Powers, Dr. Yen said, "Canada must march side by side with Great Britain, and must see eye to eye with the United States."

The American stand is that of continued adherence to the policy of the Open Door and equal opportunity to foreign commerce in China. "Third Power interests are similar, and would be best maintained by a strong and independent China" opined the diplomat.

ISOLATIONISM

Dr. Yen's first impression of Isolationism in the United States was disappointing. However, in the United States there is a tremendous public interest and desire to know more about China, the American being the greatest people for moral and intellectual improvement.

SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

There is a profound sympathy for China in the United States. A survey shows that 95 per cent favour a moral embargo, and regret at the sale of war materials to Japan. Congressional measures against Japan and the boycott of silk are advocated by certain groups in America.

Concluding Dr. Yen said, "There is much work to be done. We shall come out victorious, creating a new China—modernized, sanitary, beautiful, peace-loving, and happy."

Airport News

IMPERIAL PLANE ARRIVES

Imperial Airways plane Delta (Capt. Brunton and F/O Samuels) arrived at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon.

She brought 227.56 kilos of mail and 23.5 kilos of freight and two passengers from Calcutta—Mr. S. Ferdauddin and Mr. H. H. Ahmed. The next inward Imperial Airways plane is due to arrive in Hongkong on May 12, with London mails dated May 4.

The next outward bound plane will leave Hongkong on Sunday morning.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS PASS THROUGH

Travelling on a Dutch liner, all the way from Europe, about fifty Portuguese soldiers disembarked at Hongkong yesterday.

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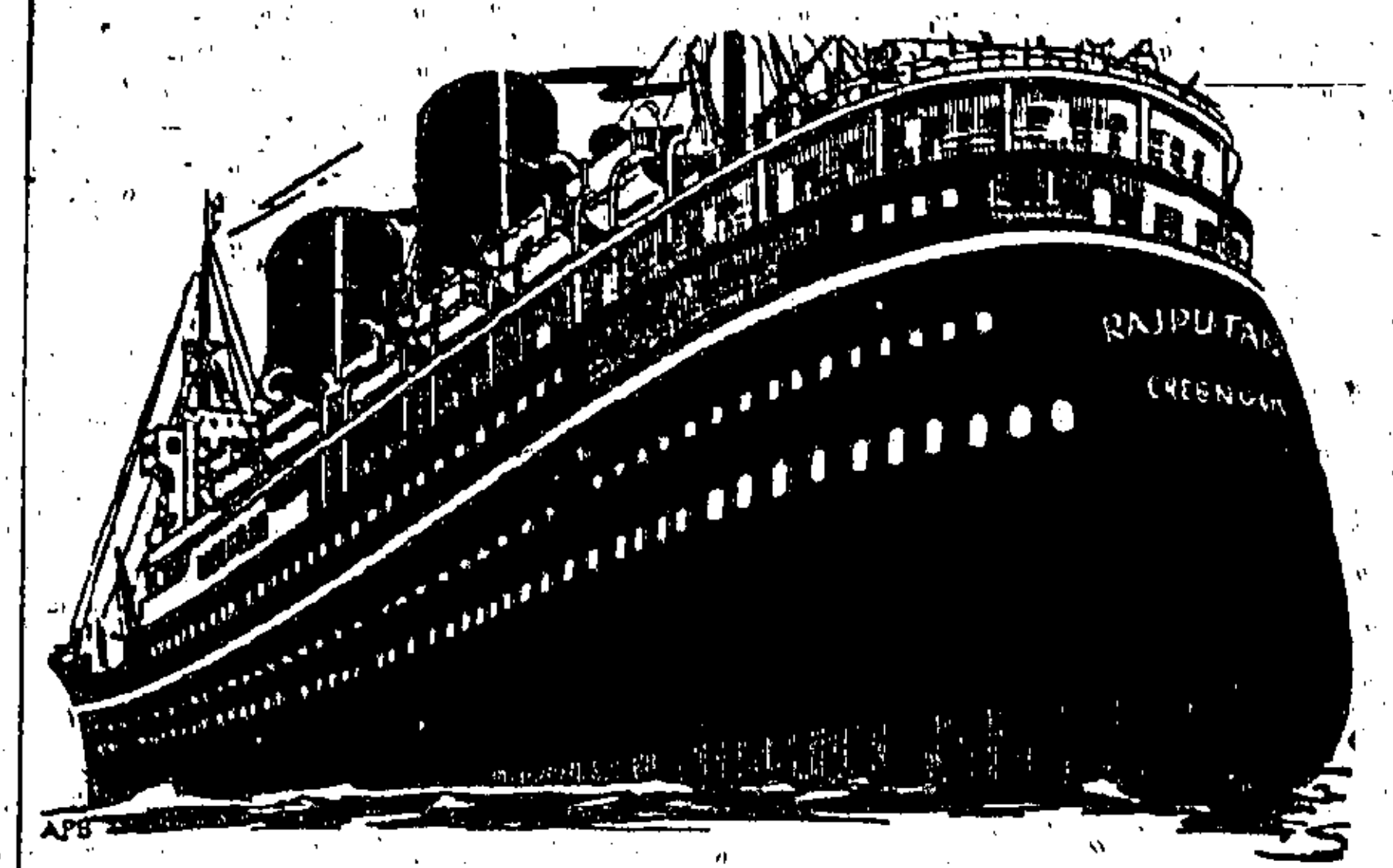
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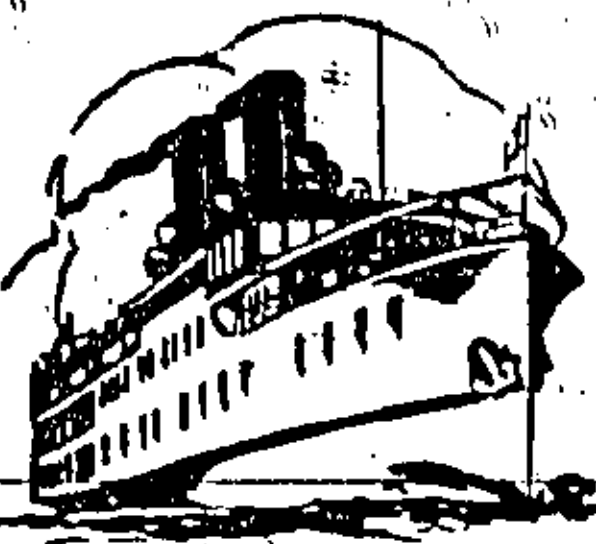
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New Cabinet Needed

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In all newspapers, emphasis is laid on the fact that the majority, and minority alike, were voting for a more intense war effort and establishment of the most effective Cabinet machinery which can be devised to meet the changing and urgent needs.

The Times, while regarding it as unfortunate that the Labour Party decided to press for a division, welcomes the opportunities which the debate offered. "The power of adaptation is the essence of the democratic capacity to wage war. It was no accident that the democracies triumphantly survived the last war and that military monarchies fell. They showed themselves fully competent to choose the war leaders they needed and no less willing and eager, indeed, to surrender to them all the authority they needed for the single aim of victory.

"It is that power of adaptation which public opinion is now beginning to invoke with its present call for new manifestations of effective leadership in all its war activities.

PROFIT OUT OF REVERSE

"A free people can bring profit out of reverse—and this country, unfortunately, is never to be seen at its best, bravest and most skillful, until it has encountered one. Its imagination is hardly at work until then, but then, it has the answer to misfortune ready to hand in change of leadership. It wipes the slate clean, ends the futile re-arrangements, taps the whole of the new reservoir of determination, and proves to itself, and to the world, that it has begun afresh and more formidably."

The Times, after condemning the Government's failure to effect a real Cabinet reconstruction calls attention to Mr. Chamberlain's plain invitation, in his speech, to Labour to take its share in the Government. "If the Labour Party fails to answer the clear public call it leaves the Prime Minister free to choose his own means of showing that the setback in Southern Norway is not merely failure, successfully extenuated, but a new starting point for British energy and valour."

ONLY ANXIETY

"The Daily Telegraph says, 'The country has from the start been ready to brace itself to whatever effort might be required and its only anxiety is whether the demands being made are adequate to the need. It is undeniable that this anxiety is giving rise to a strong feeling that the present composition of the Government is not as satisfactory as it should be. Mr. Chamberlain would be well advised not to ignore what is undoubtedly sound and popular, instinct. What the country asks is to be firmly led and to be convinced that the greatest war effort, of which the nation is capable, is being marshalled and directed with unflinching efficiency and drive. The Prime Minister can provide that with a Cabinet strengthened by new blood.'

The Times says nothing could be further from the minds of those most concerned to promote the highest degree of energy, speed, competence and unity in the development of the war effort than a search for scapegoats.

The events of the past few weeks were not in themselves irretrievable catastrophes, but have served to mark the culmination of a long and almost imperceptibly rising in the curve of public dissatisfaction.

There is no trace of panic and none of vacillation.

After the disclosures of opinion this week, there can be no question of the strength of the demand for a Ministry more broadly based and therefore, differently constituted. The only question is how it can be achieved and how soon.

MUST BE FORMED

The News-Chronicle writes that Mr. Chamberlain no longer commands the confidence of the country. A new Government, comprising all Parties, must be formed immediately, which the Manchester Guardian says that the Labour Party should have held its hand to let the latent hostility to Mr. Chamberlain continue for a few weeks, when it would be strong enough to force a radical change.

The Scotsman says that the situation, disclosed by Mr. Churchill, indicates the need for reconstruction of the Government, and the Birmingham Post adds that if Mr. Chamberlain strengthens national unity by making the Government more vigorous and more representative, the nation, appreciating his past services, will be patient, but drastic changes there must be.

PREMIER TO REMAIN

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain will remain in office, despite the narrow majority which the Government received in the confidence vote tonight, but a reconstruction of the Government is probable.

41 Government Supporters Voted For Opposition

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The official division list published this morning shows that 41 Government supporters voted with the Opposition last night.

In addition to those mentioned, the names include Brig.-Gen. E. L. Spears, C. B., C. B. E., M. C., Lord Winterston, former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, also Mr. H. W. Butler, who resigned the post of Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr. R. H. Bernal, who is Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport.

PREMIER'S APPEAL TO FRIENDS

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Mr. A. Duff Cooper said that the Debate had showed that the Government would be insufficiently impressed by speeches they had heard and information that must have reached them through private sources to take some drastic steps for a reform so urgently needed. He resented the Prime Minister's appeal to the affection of his friends and it was with deepest reluctance that he was obliged to signify the lack of confidence he felt in the present administration by going into the Lobby against it.

LORD HALIFAX

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for anyone in the Lords or Commons to draw any distinction between the Prime Minister and every other member of the War Cabinet who has been in complete accord with him, and with him shares the full responsibility for what has been done. I cannot claim, then, that no mistakes were made, but I am in no way disposed, on behalf of the Government, to adopt the apologetic posture of a dependant.

ANSWER TO CRITICS

"If members of the Government, bringing as they certainly do to problems of Government very different minds and judgment, are unanimous on a certain course, and if they make conclusions—as they did—without delay and with the assistance of the best technical advice they can command, it is not an unfair deduction that others—perhaps the Government critics—on the same information would have reached conclusions not dissimilar."

GREAT DAMAGE

Lord Halifax said that he did not minimise the damage that the withdrawal brought on the whole, and added that the damage on neutral judgment and thought had been very great. It is largely due to exaggerated expectations, but the damage would have been far worse if the Allies had persisted in an effort, which at the continuing cost, could not have been relied on to produce the desired result. The attempt was well worth making. We decided to cut our losses in order to operate elsewhere.

R.A.F. MAN GETS D.S.O.

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Royal Air Force awards for the Norwegian operations include the Distinguished Service Order for Squadron Leader John William Donaldson, who was leader of the Squadron which brought down fourteen German planes in one day during the operations at Aandalsnes, Sq. Leader Donaldson was born in Kuala Lumpur in 1910. Of the fourteen aircraft, six were shot down and eight others put out of action.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—In the Stock Exchange Kaffirs maintained a good disposition throughout the session. Gilt-edged securities, after making further headway, finished under best but Indian and colonial issues were

JAPANESE BOARD H.K. JUNK

Crew Transferred,
Told To Sail

Japanese sailors who boarded a Hongkong registered trading junk somewhere midway between Waglan Island and Tam Kon Shan on Sunday decided that the crew should be despatched to Aberdeen. It was revealed yesterday by Ho Tso-yat, trading junk master, in a report he made to the police.

The crew of the junk were brought to Tam Kon Shan, where they waited until the same trawler that had taken their vessel as a prize returned later the same day with another junk in tow. Ho and his crew were placed aboard the second vessel with instructions to proceed to Aberdeen. They arrived there on Wednesday.

The junk and cargo were left behind at Tam Kon Shan, the total loss to Ho and the owners being estimated at \$12,000. The junk was carrying a cargo of 278 bags of rice, 346 tins of kerosene, and bags of flour and sugar.

ARMED ROBBERY ALLEGED

On a charge of armed robbery at No. 15, Killing Street, on April 19, when a woman, Ma Chiu-kwan, and other occupants of the flat were robbed of money and jewellery to a total value of \$2,129, three men, Lo Yau, 38, Yan Kwai-chul, 33, and Sun Kun, 38, were committed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday to the Criminal Sessions.

Yu Sau, 34, a fourth defendant, was also committed on a charge of receiving stolen property, a gold wrist watch band, a gold coin and a gold brooch.

MORE CHANCE FOR NORWAY TO WIN

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter and Havas).—Prof. Koht, Norwegian Foreign Minister, at a meeting of press representatives, said that henceforth Norway would have a greater chance of defeating Germany.

Hitherto Germany had remained within the protection of frontiers but now that she had come beyond them, she was liable to be defeated.

Prof. Koht confirmed that the Royal Family is still in Norway and a greater part of the diplomatic corps has been able to follow the Government.

Y.M.C.A. SQUASH RACQUETS

A meeting of the squash racquets section of the European Y.M.C.A. was held yesterday evening when several decisions were reached in regard to the section's activities this summer.

A committee was appointed consisting of Mr. E. W. Ralston (Assistant Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.) as Chairman, Mr. W. Lampard, Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. H. W. Smiths and D. Grant. It was decided to effect certain improvements to the squash racquet courts.

A clean coating of cement for the courts and replastering for the walls will be arranged for. It was decided also that a tournament be held later in the season.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Replying in the House of Commons to a question regarding the Anglo-Russian trade negotiations, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Government had considered the communication received from the Soviet Government on April 29 and they now asked the Soviet Government to furnish certain further information.

This was in order that Britain might be in a position to judge whether the obligations undertaken by the Soviet Government would render it possible for them, at the present, to conclude a trade agreement with the United Kingdom on the lines which the British Government had in mind.

well held. Industrials lacked buying interest, especially tobacco. Royal Dutch partially recovered the early marking down, Wall Street being narrowly irregular.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 10th MAY, 1940, 8.30 A.M.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 13th May, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Manila	10th May
Shanghai	10th May
Canton	10th May
Japan and Shanghai	11th May
Canton	11th May
Japan and Shanghai	11th May
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	
London date, 4th May	12th May
Shanghai	12th May
Calcutta and Straits	12th May
Shanghai	12th May
Shanghai	12th May
Halphong	12th May
Shanghai	12th May
Halphong	13th May
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th May	14th May
Shanghai	14th May
Shanghai and Amoy	14th May
Shanghai	14th May
Shanghai	14th May
Shanghai	14th May
Straits and Manila	14th May
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 8th May	15th May
Manila	15th May
Shanghai	15th May
Straits and Europe via Suez—(London date, 5th April)	15th May
Java and Manila	15th May
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	
London date 8th May	16th May
Manila	16th May
Japan and Shanghai	16th May
Sandakan	16th May
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th April)	17th May
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 23rd April)	17th May
Halphong	17th May
Canton	17th May
Straits and Manila	17th May
Japan and Shanghai	17th May
Shanghai	18th May
Japan	18th May
Shanghai and Amoy	18th May
Shanghai and Amoy	18th May
Manila	20th May
Straits	22nd May
Straits	22nd May
Japan and Manila	23rd May

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	
Shanghai and Japan	Fri. 10th 8.30 AM
Amoy	10.00 AM
Straits and Calcutta	10.30 AM
Swatow and Formosa	10.30 AM
Bangkok	12.30 PM
Halphong	2.00 PM
Tourane and Bangkok	7.00 PM
SATURDAY	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th June	Sat. 11th G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 11.15 AM
Straits	Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcel for Canada only)—due San Francisco 29th May	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.15 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 19th May	Ord. 2.00 PM
SUNDAY	
Canton	Sun. 12th 7.15 AM
Shanghai	9.00 AM
MONDAY	
Halphong	Mon. 13th 10.00 AM
Japan	10.00 AM
Canton	8.00 PM
TUESDAY	
Shanghai and Parcel only for Tientsin	Tue. 14th 2.30 PM
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi 6th June	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 2.45 PM
	Ord. 3.30 PM
	K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd May	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 20th May	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM

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